The Government is seeking feedback on the proposal to establish Infrastructure Western Australia (Infrastructure WA), an independent body to provide expert advice to the Premier and Government on infrastructure needs and priorities in Western Australia.

Infrastructure WA’s key objective will be to improve infrastructure planning and decision-making to maximise the value to Western Australia from every dollar spent on infrastructure.

This will create more certainty, a better environment for private sector investment and more secure, long term jobs.

Infrastructure WA’s main roles include:

- developing a 20-year State Infrastructure Strategy as advice to Government
- providing expert advice on infrastructure matters
- supporting the work of agencies in developing their infrastructure plans.

The establishment of Infrastructure WA is one of the McGowan Labor Government’s key election commitments as part of the Plan for Jobs.

State Infrastructure Strategy

The State Infrastructure Strategy will provide advice to the Government on priorities for infrastructure planning and investment across Western Australia for the next 20 years.

The Strategy will focus on infrastructure projects that enhance the economic, social and environmental fabric of the State. The needs of all sectors will be considered, including transport, health, digital, cultural, education, water, justice, agriculture, energy, housing and safety throughout WA.

The final decision on any infrastructure investment will be made by the Government of the day.

The Strategy will be released to the public to make infrastructure planning and decision-making more transparent and, over time, will help to make infrastructure planning better informed and more bipartisan.

Infrastructure WA will consult widely with industry and the community during the development of the Strategy.

Evaluating and prioritising infrastructure proposals

Infrastructure WA will scrutinise and evaluate major infrastructure proposals and programs developed by Government agencies and provide advice to the Government on infrastructure priorities.

Creating certainty

The development of the Strategy will inform decision making in the medium term providing greater certainty for the pipeline of infrastructure projects. This will provide greater stability for the private sector to make investment decisions, maximising our capacity to grow the economy and create jobs.

The right infrastructure delivered in the right place at the right time, and for the right price plays a key role in improving economic competitiveness and productivity, and creating jobs.

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