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INFRASTRUCTURE GROWS FOR FIRST TIME IN FIVE YEARS, THANKS TO NEW SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIA: LATEST FIGURES

Record infrastructure programmes in NSW and Victoria have now reversed five years of decline in infrastructure construction, says the latest Australian Infrastructure Metric from [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](#) and [BIS Oxford Economics](#).

“The latest figures show that national infrastructure construction has grown by a quarter of a billion dollars this year,” said Chief Executive Brendan Lyon.

“Better still, transport infrastructure has surged by \$2.6 billion this year.

“But this growing investment is only in NSW and Victoria, and not the rest of the country.

“NSW and Victoria are funding unprecedented levels of transport infrastructure construction, because they’ve found the money by leasing electricity and port assets.

“Queensland and WA need the jobs, skills and economic growth from infrastructure construction, given they’re the most exposed to the collapse of mining investment.

“But sadly, neither Queensland nor WA have been able to successfully lease assets, despite their poor budget positions and massive public debt.

“Queensland and WA are offline and holding Australia’s overall economic activity back.

“These figures show again why the Federal Government should reinstate the Asset Recycling Initiative and link enlarged Federal infrastructure grants directly to asset recycling in Queensland and WA.”

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