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### QUEENSLANDERS 'NOT SCARED' OF ASSET RECYCLING – TERRIFIED OF BAD INFRASTRUCTURE, HIGHER TAXES AND DEBT

A poll of 1,000 Queensland voters released by [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](#) and [Infrastructure Association of Queensland](#) today shows that Queensland voters support asset recycling over any other infrastructure funding option.

Key findings include:

- 62 per cent of Queenslanders think infrastructure is poorly coordinated;
- 61 per cent of Queenslanders support asset recycling;
- 75 per cent of Queenslanders agree that there will be more jobs when proceeds of asset recycling are reinvested into new infrastructure.

Infrastructure Association of Queensland Chief Executive, Steve Abson, said that Queenslanders are missing out on projects because the State Budget can't deliver enough money.

"This research shows that Queenslanders are much more scared of bad infrastructure and high government debt than they are of sensible asset recycling.

"Queenslanders want better infrastructure and more jobs, but they don't want more public debt (only 22 per cent support) or higher taxes (only 26 per cent support)."

Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Chief Executive, Brendan Lyon said that with additional money for infrastructure projects, Queensland's Budget would be able to fund more hospitals, roads and railways, water and energy assets, as well as social housing.

"With a constrained budget and close to \$80 billion in debt, the Queensland Government is relying heavily on Commonwealth contributions, and finding it difficult to fund more of the priority projects that Queensland needs.

“Queensland’s Parliament should give the community more credit and revisit asset recycling, because it’s clear the state needs more, better delivered infrastructure.

“The sale of public assets always generates predictable opposition, but everyone can see the need to find money for new infrastructure and most businesses and taxpayers would rather see money released from existing assets, before raising general taxation.”

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