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RENEWED INFRASTRUCTURE MINISTRY WELCOME

The national infrastructure sector thanks outgoing Cabinet Minister Darren Chester, welcomes the reappointment of Urban Infrastructure Minister Paul Fletcher and welcomes Barnaby Joyce to the Cabinet infrastructure portfolio, says [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](#).

“This is a sensible reshuffle that elevates the Cabinet infrastructure portfolio to the Deputy Prime Minister, which is important given the need for next year’s Federal Budget to put back the funding that was reduced this year,” said IPA Chief Executive Brendan Lyon.

“Darren Chester has been an excellent minister, and doubtless he will return to the front bench in the future.

“It is important that Paul Fletcher stays in infrastructure, given the delicate stage of his signature projects, particularly Western Sydney Airport.

“Paul is clearly destined for higher office in the future, but keeping him in infrastructure is important at this stage.

“Barnaby Joyce’s appointment elevates infrastructure to the centre of government, and we look forward to working with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Fletcher, to renew the Turnbull Government’s flagging infrastructure funding levels.

“Australia needs the Turnbull Government to come out of the blocks fighting in January, so this is a sensible reshuffle to balance continuity and direction while elevating the Cabinet infrastructure ministry to the Deputy Prime Minister.”

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