

POLICY ADVISER AT INFRASTRUCTURE THINK TANK

About Infrastructure Partnerships Australia:

Infrastructure Partnerships Australia is an independent think tank and peak industry body with members across the public and private sectors. Infrastructure Partnerships Australia was created to drive purposeful reform in infrastructure and efficient public services, with the aim of achieving the best possible economic and social success for Australia.

We consider infrastructure issues spanning transport, utilities and social infrastructure (such as social housing, health, education and justice).

Infrastructure Partnerships Australia is expanding its respected policy and research team. The policy team underpins our position as the nation's infrastructure think tank and peak industry body; developing industry-leading public policy and advancing the infrastructure reform agenda directly with policymakers and industry practitioners.

The role:

We are recruiting for a Policy Adviser within Infrastructure Partnerships Australia's policy team.

Reporting to the Head of Economics & Policy and working closely with the CEO, you will take a central role in identifying, developing and delivering high quality infrastructure policy and research.

You will also have unrivalled opportunities to develop and maintain effective relationships with senior business and public sector leaders, as well as key policymakers.

Key responsibilities:

- conduct detailed and well-evidenced research and analysis on a broad range of policy issues across the transport, utilities and social sectors
- write policy documents, including major reports, speeches, opinion pieces, briefing notes and submissions
- engage with senior executives from the public and private sectors on policy and regulatory matters – including through the management of policy taskforces
- build and maintain strong relationships across Federal and state governments, regulatory agencies and the private sector, and
- think strategically about the role Infrastructure Partnerships Australia can play in the infrastructure policy debate.

About you:

The policy team at Infrastructure Partnerships Australia comprises a mixture of economists, lawyers, anthropologists, engineers and government relations experts. So the ideal candidate need not be from any specific background, you might be:

- a consultant looking for more exposure to decision makers and an end to filling out time sheets on short term projects
- you might have experience in a government agency, but want to get out from behind your desk and flex your strategic thinking skills in a more varied role, or
- an academically qualified public policy expert, looking for a platform to transform academic rigour into real world outcomes.

Whatever your background we expect you to be intellectually curious, personable and to understand that communicating and implementing ideas is just as important as coming up with them. Ideally candidates would have between two and six years of experience, however we will accept strong recent graduates.

Desired attributes:

- Experience in infrastructure or a public policy role within government, a regulator or the private sector
- tertiary qualifications in a relevant field (economics, public policy, law, commerce, engineering, etc)
- high level written and oral communication skills, with the ability to develop a range of policy documents, including speeches, briefing notes, submissions and major policy reports
- highly developed research, analytical and problem solving skills, with a capacity to undertake complex quantitative and qualitative research
- strong organisational skills and an ability to assist with the management of a number of high-level policy taskforces
- an understanding of public policy development and political processes at the state and Federal level of government
- a demonstrated capacity to engage collaboratively with a range of stakeholders, including at senior executive levels
- an ability to manage multiple priorities and projects, with a particular capacity to differentiate between the immediate and the important
- exposure to the transport, utilities or social infrastructure sectors
- experience compiling, analysing and interpreting economic and statistical data, and
- a sound understanding of economic and financial principles.

Terms & Conditions:

- Sydney CBD based position
- interstate travel and working outside normal hours may be required
- attractive remuneration commensurate with experience
- opportunities for career development
- annual leave entitlement is 20 days per annum accrued on a pro-rata basis, and
- personal leave – ten (10) days per annum (this includes sick leave and carers leave).

Apply:

Applicants please send a covering letter and resume to:

Human Resources Manager
Infrastructure Partnerships Australia
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For further information please contact: **Robert Montgomery**, Head of Economics & Policy on **02 9152 6021**.