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WEST GATE TUNNEL FUNDING SECURED

The national infrastructure sector welcomes the decision of the Victorian Parliament to provide certainty in funding arrangements to the West Gate Tunnel project following a vote this afternoon on an Opposition motion, says [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](#).

“I am glad that the Parliament has seen sense and provided certainty to funding arrangements for the West Gate Tunnel project,” said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Chief Executive Officer Adrian Dwyer.

“What we saw was Spring Street shenanigans at its worst with an attempt to grandstand on a project that already has an agreed contract in place,” said Mr Dwyer.

The Victorian Parliament voted down the Opposition’s motion by a margin of 22-18, ensuring the Concession Deed on CityLink will be extended to fund West Gate Tunnel.

“Victorians rightly expect their elected representatives to be focused on delivering good infrastructure outcomes, not political point scoring,” said Mr Dwyer.

“Any decision to change funding arrangements for a project where an agreed contract is already in place would have put a wrecking ball through Victoria’s investment reputation.

“That is why I am glad the Parliament came together to block this last-minute attempt to disrupt delivery of a project that’s already under construction.

“With Melbourne’s population increasing by almost 3 million people over the next 30 years, Victoria needs more infrastructure, not less.

“The West Gate Tunnel project is a vital piece in Melbourne’s infrastructure puzzle. I am glad the Parliament has seen that and backed the project in,” said Mr Dwyer

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