



## **MEDIA RELEASE: 2019 FEDERAL ELECTION**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR CONGRATULATES THE COALITION ON ELECTION VICTORY**

The national infrastructure sector congratulates the Federal Coalition Government on its election victory and looks forward to continuing its productive relationship, says industry think tank [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](http://www.infrastructure.org.au).

“We congratulate the Prime Minister Scott Morrison and his team on their victory, and commend Bill Shorten and his Labor team for running a hard-fought election campaign,” said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Chief Executive, Adrian Dwyer.

“The 2019 Budget showed that the Coalition Government takes infrastructure seriously, and now that rhetoric needs to convert into action.

“In this new term of parliament there a number of major issues that will need to be front and center on the Prime Minister’s infrastructure agenda.

“The Coalition will now have to turn its attention to tackling the long-term reform challenges, including settling energy policy to end the investment strike, addressing the looming road funding crisis, and driving big ticket infrastructure reforms to boost productivity.

“How Scott Morrison and his team confront these issues and the lessons they draw from the election will define the success of this term of Government.

“The Coalition has already taken the sensible step of reversing the recent decline in funding for critical projects, lifting total infrastructure funding to \$29.5 billion over the forward estimates.

“Much more however will need to be done to ensure that Australia retains its hard-won reputation as a leader and global standard bearer for sound infrastructure policy.

“The national infrastructure sector looks forward to working with the Coalition Government to overcome the reform challenges ahead and supporting a reinvigorated infrastructure agenda,” Mr Dwyer said.

Infrastructure Partnerships Australia is the nation’s industry think tank providing independent policy research focused on excellence in social and economic infrastructure.

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