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METRO FRANCHISING SET TO MODERNISE ADELAIDE'S TRANSPORT

The national infrastructure sector welcomes the South Australian Government's decision to franchise the operation of metro train and tram services in Adelaide, and re-tender the operation of its bus services.

"The South Australian Government's smart decision to franchise its metro train and tram services and re-tender existing bus services will modernise Adelaide's transport system for the better," said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

"Franchising the operation of these services is a tried and tested way to drive value for taxpayers and deliver better outcomes for customers.

"Franchising is not privatisation and it's unhelpful and inaccurate to conflate the two.

"Opening up the operation of the train and tram services to competitive tender is not about selling assets, it's about delivering better services to customers.

"Customers don't care about who operates their bus or tram, they care that it's clean and on-time.

"Train and tram customers right around the country are already enjoying the benefits of having the best private providers operating their service and South Australian customers should too.

"Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Infrastructure Australia, and many others have consistently recommended that state and territory governments pursue the franchising of their bus and train services and it's good to see that SA has listened," Mr Dwyer said.

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

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