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SENSIBLE AND EVIDENCE BASED: INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA AUDIT

The release of the 2019 *Australian Infrastructure Audit* provides a solid foundation and evidence base for decision makers to help ensure the benefits of infrastructure can be shared right across the nation, says industry think tank Infrastructure Partnerships Australia.

"The Audit shows that while there are record levels of investment in infrastructure, it is important to ensure this investment is directed to the right place at the right time," said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

"The document provides a broad overview and establishes a strong evidence base off which planning, policy, and reform decisions can be informed.

"Infrastructure Australia doesn't take a sensationalist view of the world – they look honestly at the infrastructure market and point out what's being done well and what could be done better."

The Audit provides an overview of Australia's infrastructure sectors and identifies challenges and opportunities for Australia over the next 15 years and beyond.

"The document provides a hit list of challenges facing the nation over the years ahead," Mr Dwyer said.

"Whether it be the rise of electric vehicles, the shift to a lower emissions economy, or managing population growth and congestion – the Audit is a useful tool for all policymakers in considering how to tackle these issues.

"There is also a welcome focus on what infrastructure is ultimately about – making life better for the end user.

"With the right reforms in infrastructure, individual prosperity and the economic outlook of the nation can be improved.

"I congratulate Infrastructure Australia on the release of the Audit and look forward to it steering the debate in the right direction, for the better," 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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