



## **FUNDING FOR VICTORIAN PROJECTS MUST PASS PARLIAMENT**

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Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Chief Executive, Adrian Dwyer has called on the Victorian Opposition to pass the General Appropriations Bill in Parliament tomorrow to lock in funding for existing infrastructure projects and set aside \$24.5 billion in emergency funding to fight COVID-19.

“We urge the Victorian Opposition to pass the General Appropriations bill in parliament tomorrow to provide certainty to the infrastructure and construction sectors that funding will continue to flow to projects.

“We shouldn’t play politics with a sector that’s providing an essential economic service during a time of crisis.

“Around \$53 billion dollars of public funding is being invested in infrastructure projects in Victoria over the next four years, providing vital support for the economy.

“Maintaining focus on the pipeline of existing projects should remain a paramount priority for all governments and oppositions.

“The \$24.5 billion in additional funding to fight COVID-19 will give the Andrews Government the latitude to support Victoria’s economic recovery and begin planning for an infrastructure-led stimulus.

“Infrastructure drove economic growth pre-crisis and it has a pivotal role to play in leading Victoria’s economy out of the crisis,” said Mr Dwyer.

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

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