



ADELAIDE METRO OUTSOURCING A WIN FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Infrastructure Partnerships Australia has welcomed the South Australian Government's decision today to award Keolis Downer a contract to run the Adelaide Metropolitan Passenger Rail Network.

"The South Australian Government has made a smart move to extend its successful partnership with the private sector today, in awarding a contract to Keolis Downer to run Adelaide's Metro rail services," Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer said.

"The outsourcing of rail services will deliver a better deal for taxpayers and better outcomes for the thousands of South Australian public transport users across the state.

"At a time when balance sheets are stretched by COVID-19, the South Australia Government's decision today will generate major savings for reinvestment in the states growing transport system.

"The RBTU is in denial about the benefits of outsourcing and its deliberately misleading to call this contract award privatisation.

"Outsourcing Adelaide's rails services will allow the SA Government to apply a high service standard on Keolis Downer while retaining ownership of the underlying rail assets.

"Global and domestic experience has shown that outsourcing rail services can deliver significant efficiencies over the life of a contract.

"By using incentives and benchmarking against world's best practice, the South Australia Government can drive investment and deliver innovative outcomes in a way that traditional delivery methods have been unable to sustain," Mr Dwyer said.

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