



## **MEDIA RELEASE: 2021-22 FEDERAL BUDGET**

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### **FEDERAL BUDGET MAINTAINS HISTORIC HIGH ON INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING**

The Federal Government has walked its talk on infrastructure funding backing up last year's record spending with an even bigger outlay in this year's Budget, said industry think tank [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](https://www.infrastructure.org.au).

"The Federal Government has raised its high watermark of infrastructure funding in this year's Budget with \$56.9 billion in public funding committed over the next four years," said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia's Chief Executive, Adrian Dwyer.

"Last year we saw a historic lift in infrastructure funding, and this year's Budget goes above and beyond that with an additional \$6.2 billion in new funding over four years.

"The four-year Federal infrastructure programme is now a record \$21 billion above the long-term average.

"The challenge now is getting dollars out the door and diggers in the dirt.

"Winning the economic recovery will require effort across the board to deliver on the promises made this budget season.

"It's critical we relieve rather than add to the infrastructure sector's growing pains by turning our focus on risk allocation, project timing, and market engagement.

"The recovery isn't just about dollars in the economy, it's about building back better – that's why we particularly welcome the injection of cash into freight flavoured road and rail investments.

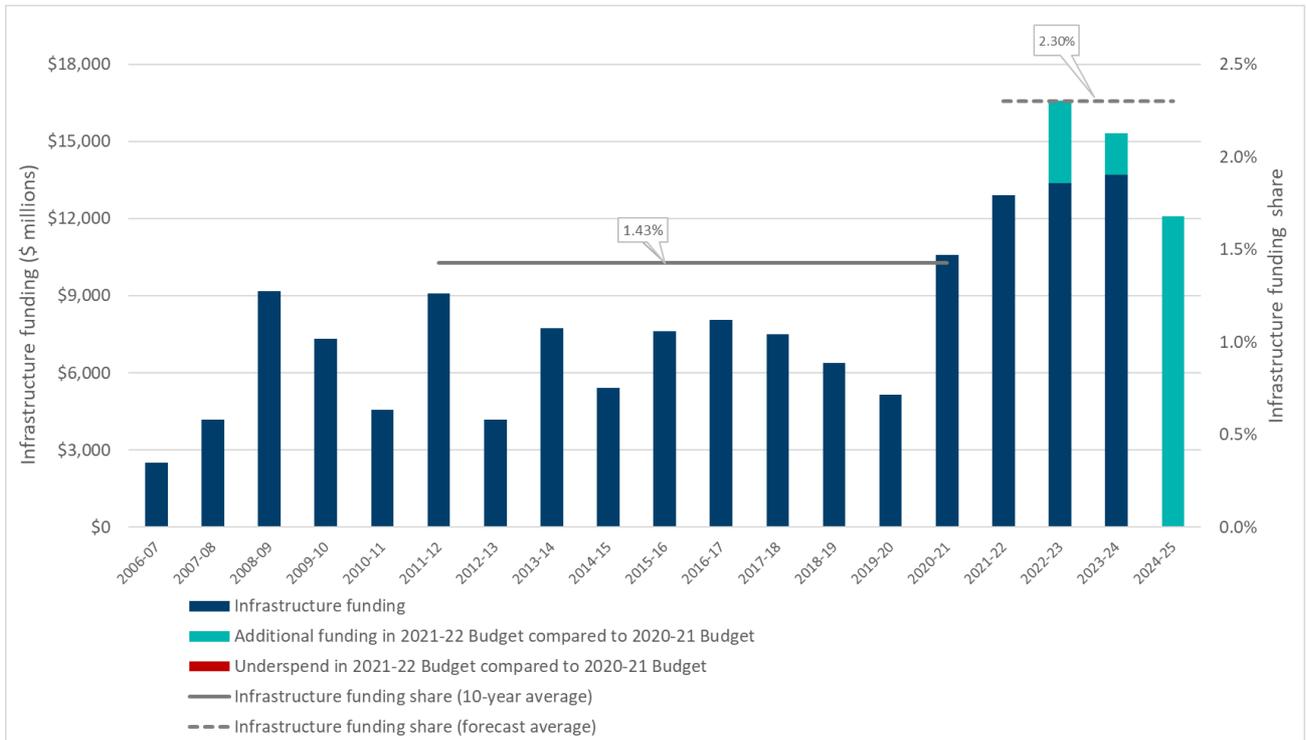
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**Committed Federal general government infrastructure funding 2006-07 to 2024-25**



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