



STATEMENT ON NSW CONSTRUCTION SECTOR REOPENING

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Infrastructure Partnerships Australia welcomes the announcement today that construction sites will partially reopen across Greater Sydney on 31 July, subject to new health controls.

“The announcement today is a welcome vote of confidence in the construction sector,” said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

“The sector has repeatedly shown it can deliver safely in a pandemic world, with movement in and around large-scale civil construction sites heavily curtailed and strong systems in place to ensure the separation of work crews, sub-contractors, and suppliers.

“Pre lockdown, the NSW Government was averaging a burn-rate of \$1.8 billion a month on infrastructure construction spend.

“It’s good to see that this vital investment will begin flowing again to support jobs in the construction sector and the wider economy.

“The sector is willing and able to implement the new health measures on sites across Greater Sydney and will work closely with Government and its delivery agencies to ensure all protocols and procedures are in place prior to 31 July.

“The sector understands and respects the NSW Government’s decision to maintain a prohibition on construction in the Fairfield, Campbelltown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Liverpool, Cumberland, Blacktown, Parramatta, and Georges River Local Government Areas until case numbers start coming down.

“We applaud the NSW Government for working closely with Infrastructure Partnerships Australia and other industry partners over the last two weeks to maintain the confidence of the sector through this challenging period.

“We will continue to work constructively with Government to ensure a full resumption of construction activity across all Greater Sydney can occur as swiftly as possible,” said Mr Dwyer.

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