



INDUSTRY WELCOMES DECISION TO LIFT CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE CAPS

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Infrastructure Partnerships Australia welcomes the NSW Government's announcement today to lift construction workforce caps on sites from Monday next week.

"We applaud the NSW Government for working closely with Infrastructure Partnerships Australia and other industry partners to fully reopen the sector with the lifting of workforce caps," said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

"The NSW Government has listened to the concerns of industry and made the right decision to ensure the state can get back on the tools and continue contributing to our recovery.

"Construction workers are providing a vital economic service to the people of NSW and are ready to get fully back to work.

"A prolonged imposition of construction workforce caps would have had a damaging impact not just on jobs and productivity on sites but the wider economy too.

"Although governments have worked hard to ensure construction can resume swiftly and operate safely, the combined impacts of lockdown restrictions, construction shutdowns, and workforce caps has dislocated what was already a busy and complex market.

"The mega project pipeline in our major urban areas has been dealt the biggest blow through this challenging period, with more than \$36 billion worth of infrastructure projects and major contracts across Greater Sydney directly impacted by the two-week shutdown.

"Government and industry will need to work hard to make up for lost ground and get the pipeline of major projects back on the critical path.

"The sooner we get the pipeline back on track the sooner we can enjoy the full benefits of the state's \$1.8 billion a month public infrastructure investment," said Mr Dwyer.

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