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INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR WELCOMES REFORMED INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA MODEL

Infrastructure Partnerships Australia has today welcomed the new Infrastructure Australia model announced by the Australian Government.

“The new commissioner-like governance structure means Infrastructure Australia will have a programme which is independent of voice, but not ambivalent to the Government’s strategic objectives,” said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

“Both the new structure and the reinstatement of senior public servants to the Board are welcome, but Government should ensure that Board remains predominantly independent.

“Advisers should advise and governments should decide – these changes reassert that principle on both sides of the ledger.

The sector particularly welcomes the commitment to an Infrastructure Policy Statement setting out the Australian Government’s objectives and priorities – this is a crucial piece in the infrastructure jigsaw and will benefit Infrastructure Australia, states and territories and the Australian community.

“Infrastructure Australia has been, and should continue to be, an important part of the architecture that informs sound investment and policy decisions in the Australian infrastructure market”

“Infrastructure Australia has directly and indirectly influenced infrastructure decision making for the better. A good IA is good for Australia, and these changes reinforce those foundations.

“It’s particularly welcome to see a recalibrated model that places Infrastructure Australia appropriately closer to decision making and enhances its capacity to provide timely and relevant advice without diminishing its independence.

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

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