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AUSTRALIAN INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET MONITOR 2017/18





About the Australian Infrastructure Budget Monitor

We rank Australia's governments by measuring and comparing infrastructure funding levels, as a share of each government's total budget expenditure.

Purpose

To provide:

- a fair comparison of infrastructure funding across governments which vary in scale; and
- an analysis of the increase or fall in the priority of infrastructure funding within each jurisdiction's budget, year to year.

What is 'infrastructure'?

We measure General Government sector infrastructure funding, which includes 'public' infrastructure, like:

- roads;
- passenger railways;
- hospitals; and
- schools etc.

We exclude 'commercial' government-owned infrastructure such as ports, telecommunications or electricity companies, noting that these types of infrastructure are funded by consumers.

Methodology

We rank jurisdictions on infrastructure funding as a proportion of total General Government expenditure averaged over the four year forward estimates. We also detail each jurisdiction's four year total funding programme and the increase or cut in infrastructure funding compared to the preceding budget (see Figure 1).

We use infrastructure funding figures reported in government budgets where available. In other cases we use the sum of purchases of non-financial assets and finance leases (capturing Public Private Partnership type expenditures) as a proxy.

Total General Government expenditure is calculated by adding total expenses and net acquisitions of non-financial assets.

This document has been updated since its original release to reflect changes in methodology.

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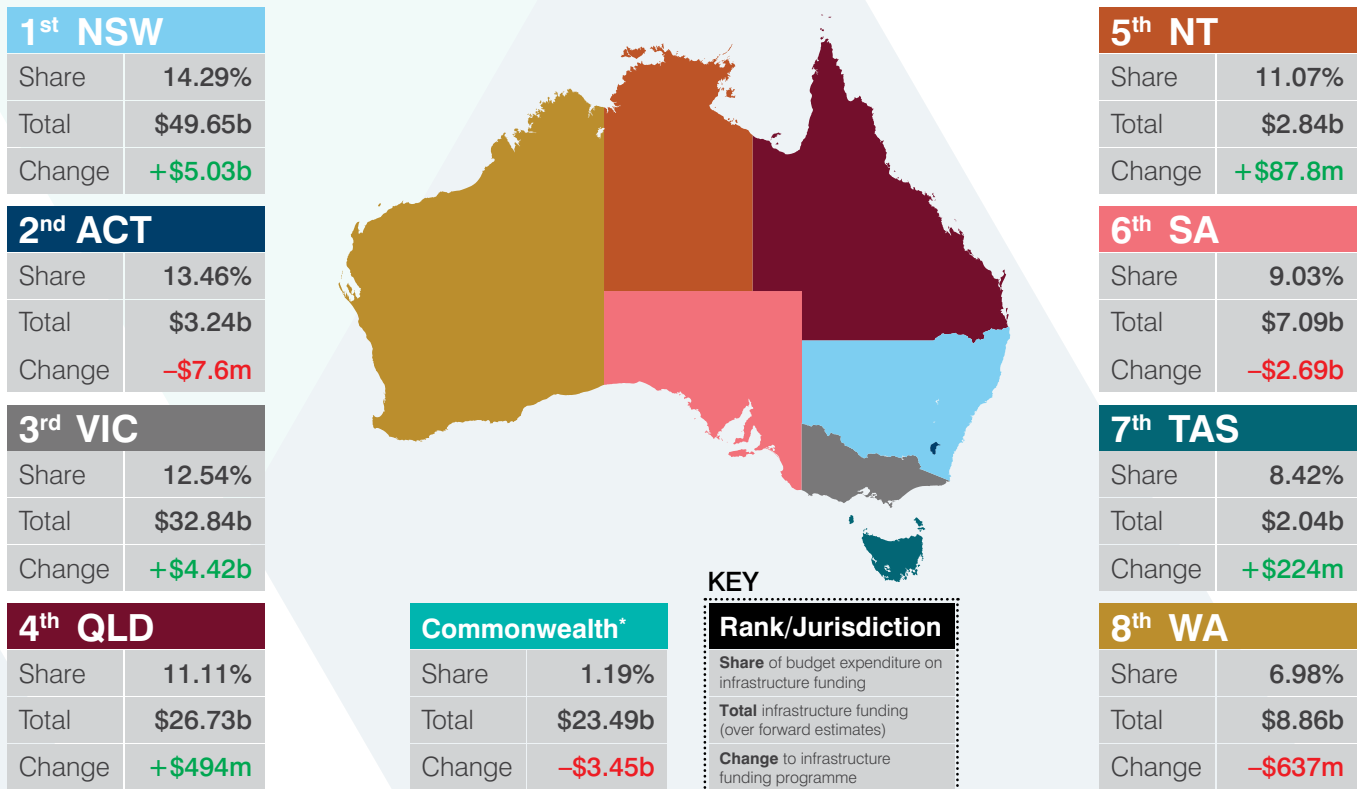
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Introduction

Figure 1: 2017/18 Australian infrastructure funding levels, ranked by share of budget expenditure



* The Commonwealth Government primarily funds state infrastructure projects; as such it is not formally included in the rankings. The Commonwealth Government appears in this report for transparency and to provide a comprehensive view of funding commitments. Source: IPA calculations, based on 2017/18 budgets.

Analysis

The 2017/18 Australian Infrastructure Budget Monitor shows that the jurisdictions responsible for the bulk of brownfield asset recycling are now funding the highest levels of infrastructure in the country.

NSW wins a solid first place – dedicating 14.29 per cent of its Budget to infrastructure – worth \$49.65 billion, over four years.

ACT comes an impressive second – with 13.46 per cent of the Territory’s Budget funding put towards infrastructure; worth (a more modest) \$3.24 billion, in monetary terms.

Victoria ranks third, with 12.54 per cent of its Budget - worth \$32.84 billion, committed to infrastructure.

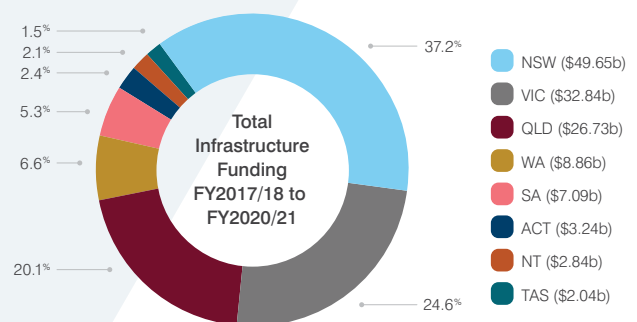
Queensland comes fourth with 11.11 per cent of its Budget dedicated to infrastructure funding, which is worth \$26.73 billion over four years.

WA ranks last in this year’s rankings, with \$8.86 billion in infrastructure funding over four years to FY2020/21 making up just 6.98 per cent of its Budget. The declining trend in infrastructure funding reflects the WA Government’s fiscal challenges and a similar policy position to Queensland of prohibiting asset recycling.

Insights

- Together, NSW and Victoria field 61.9 per cent of Australian infrastructure funding activity.
- General Government infrastructure funding totals over \$133 billion across all jurisdictions.
- NSW, Victoria, Queensland, NT and Tasmania have increased infrastructure funding by a combined total of \$10.26 billion over the forward estimates.
- WA, SA, ACT and the Commonwealth have decreased infrastructure funding by a combined total of \$6.78 billion over the forward estimates.

Figure 2: Who’s funding what? National infrastructure funding, share of total, by jurisdiction (FY2017/18 to FY2020/21)*

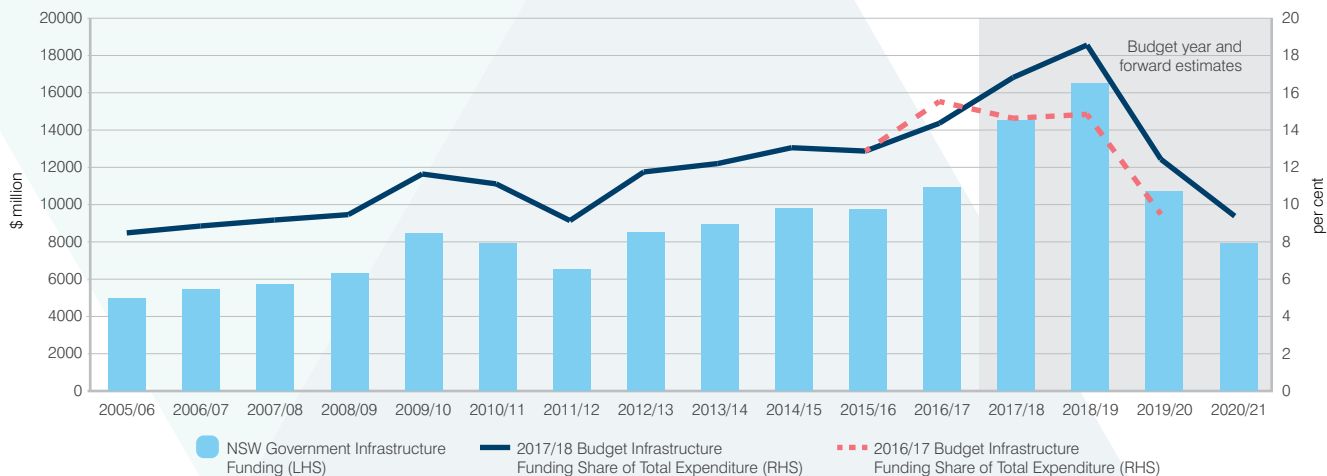


Source: IPA Analysis

* Commonwealth is not included as its infrastructure funding contributes directly to state infrastructure funding

1st Place: New South Wales

Figure 3: New South Wales General Government Infrastructure Funding



Source: IPA Analysis, 2017

NSW infrastructure statistics:*

Value	Description
14.29%	share of budget dedicated to infrastructure
11.39%	decade average dedicated to infrastructure
\$49.65b	total infrastructure funding over forward estimates
+\$5.03b	increase this budget

Major funding allocations in NSW:

Road



\$962.9 million towards [WestConnex](#) in FY2017/18

Rail



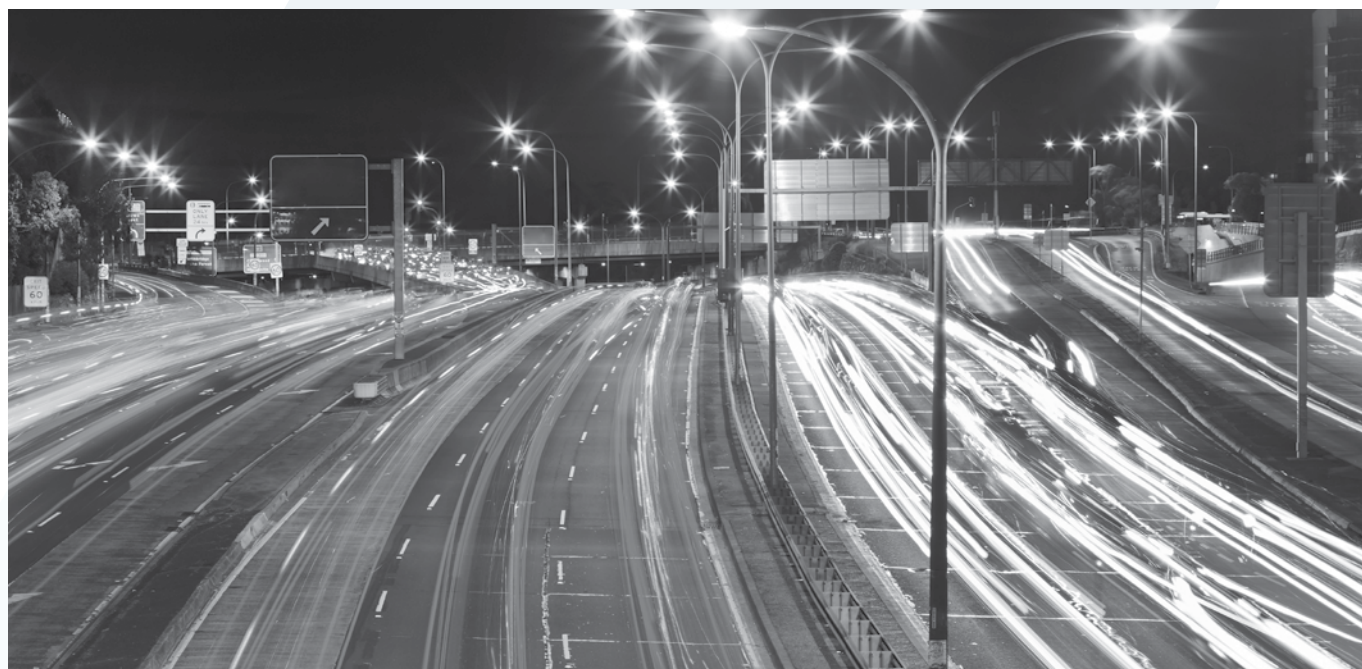
\$4.9 billion for the [Sydney Metro City and South West](#) project

Social



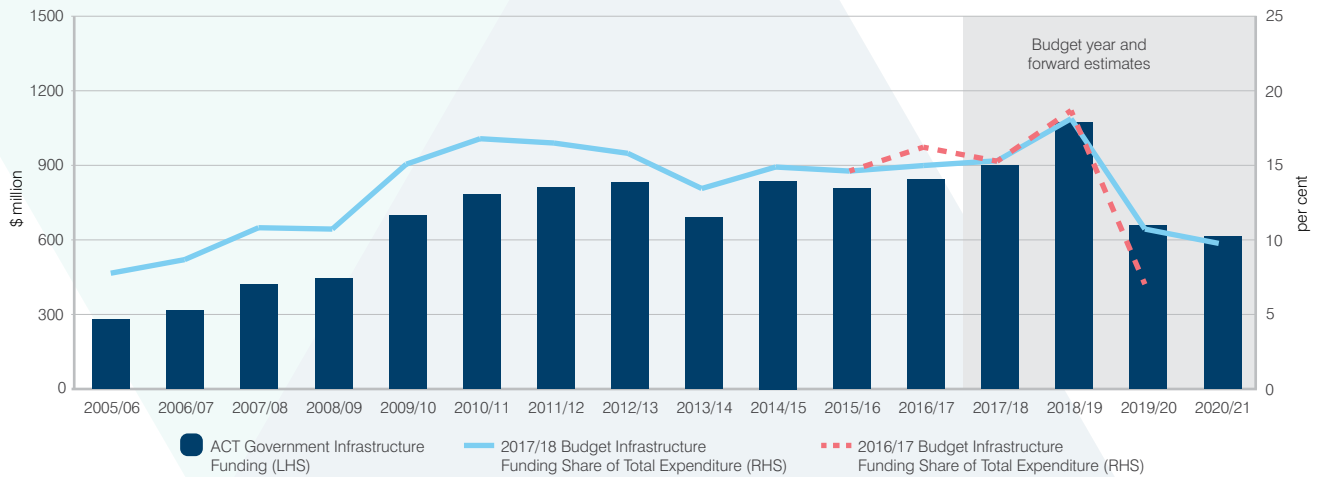
\$720 million for [Prince of Wales Hospital Reconfiguration and Expansion](#) project

* NSW infrastructure funding based on the sum of purchases of non-financial assets and finance leases



2nd Place: Australian Capital Territory

Figure 4: Australian Capital Territory General Government Infrastructure Funding



Source: IPA Analysis, 2017

ACT infrastructure statistics:*

Value	Description
13.46%	share of budget dedicated to infrastructure
14.35%	decade average dedicated to infrastructure
\$3.24b	total infrastructure funding over forward estimates
-\$7.6m	decrease this budget

Major funding allocations in ACT:

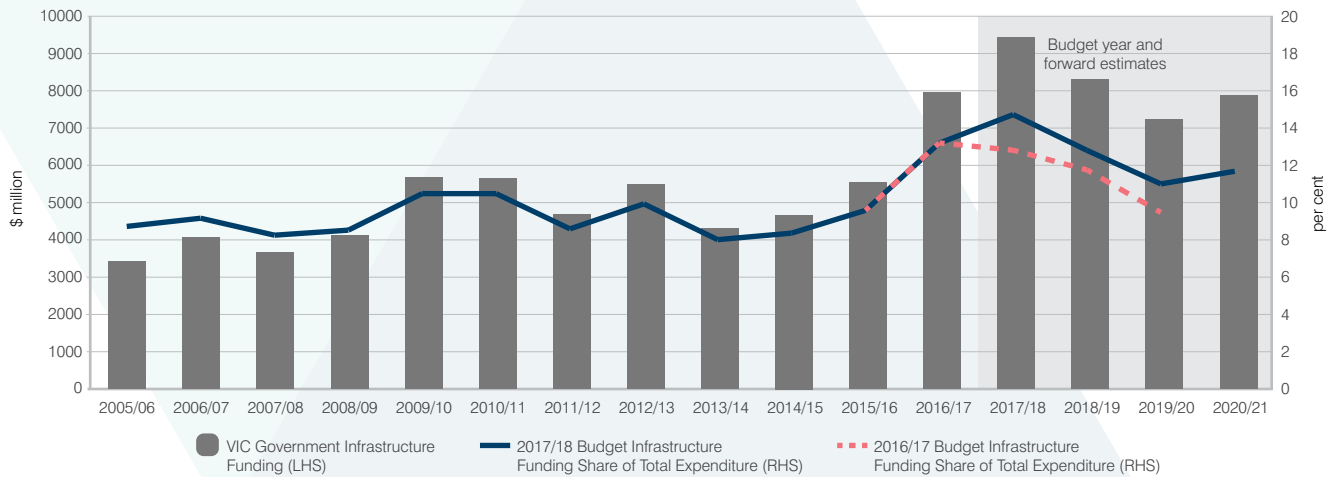
Road	Rail	Social
\$76 million towards Better Roads for Gungahlin projects	\$375 million capital contribution in FY2018/19 towards ACT Light Rail Stage 1	\$227 million for new public housing properties

* ACT infrastructure funding based on the sum of purchases of non-financial assets and finance leases



3rd Place: Victoria

Figure 5: Victoria General Government Infrastructure Funding



Source: IPA Analysis, 2017

VIC infrastructure statistics:*

Value	Description
12.54%	share of budget dedicated to infrastructure
9.53%	decade average dedicated to infrastructure
\$32.84b	total infrastructure funding over forward estimates
+\$4.42b	increase this budget

Major funding allocations in VIC:

Road



\$654 million in accelerated funding for the remaining sections of the [M80 Ring Road Upgrade](#)

Rail



\$920 million for the Regional Rail Revival package including **\$435 million** for the [Gippsland Line Upgrade](#)

Social



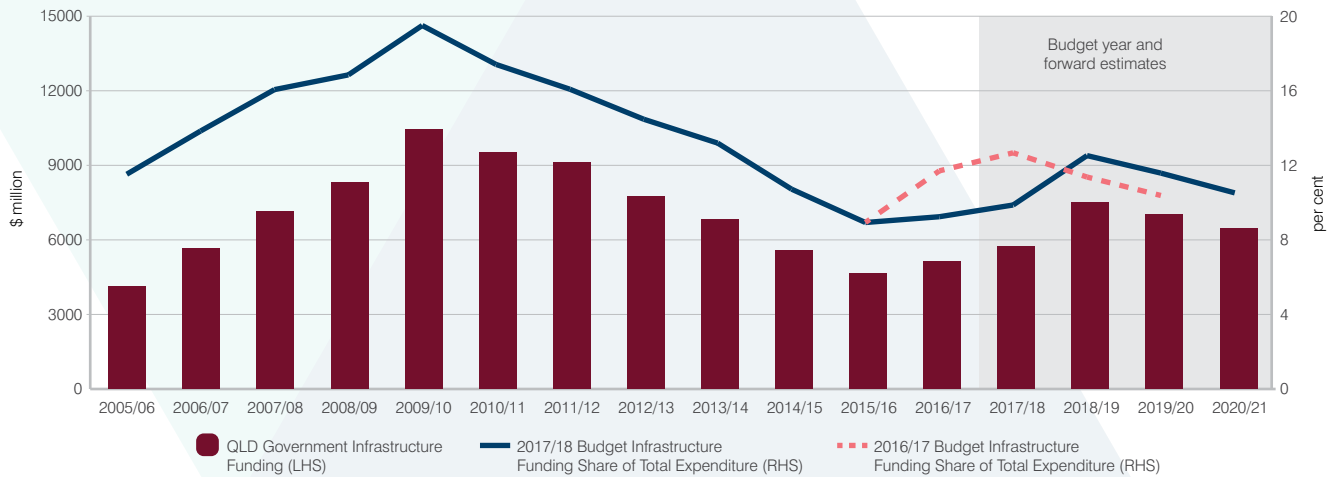
\$162.7 million to expand the Northern Hospital

* VIC infrastructure funding based on the sum of purchases of non-financial assets and finance leases



4th Place: Queensland

Figure 6: Queensland General Government Infrastructure Funding



Source: IPA Analysis, 2017

QLD infrastructure statistics:*

Value	Description
11.11%	share of budget dedicated to infrastructure
14.24%	decade average dedicated to infrastructure
\$26.73b	total infrastructure funding over forward estimates
+\$494m	increase this budget

Major funding allocations in QLD:

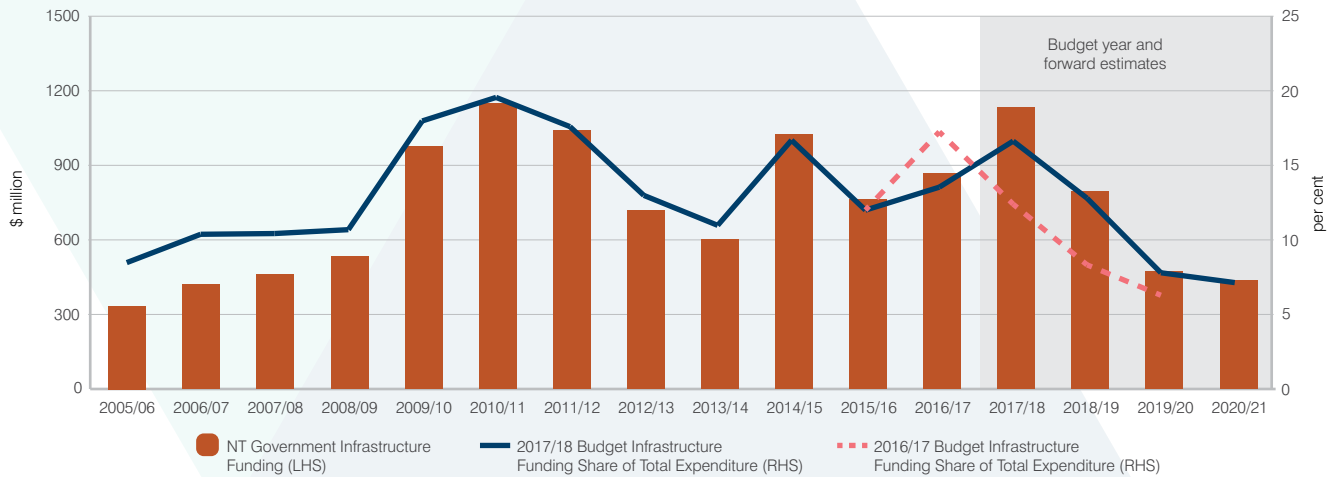
Road	Rail	Social
\$252.2 million in FY2017/18 towards the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing project	\$1.95 billion for the procurement of the Cross River Rail project	\$216.8 million in FY2017/18 to deliver 417 social housing dwellings and upgrade existing assets

* QLD infrastructure funding based on the sum of purchases of non-financial assets and finance leases



5th Place: Northern Territory

Figure 7: Northern Territory General Government Infrastructure Funding



Source: IPA Analysis, 2017

NT infrastructure statistics:*

Value	Description
11.07%	share of budget dedicated to infrastructure
14.23%	decade average dedicated to infrastructure
\$2.84b	total infrastructure funding over forward estimates
+\$87.8m	increase this budget

Major funding allocations in NT:

Road



\$57.4 million in FY2017/18 for upgrades on the Keep River Plains Road

Social



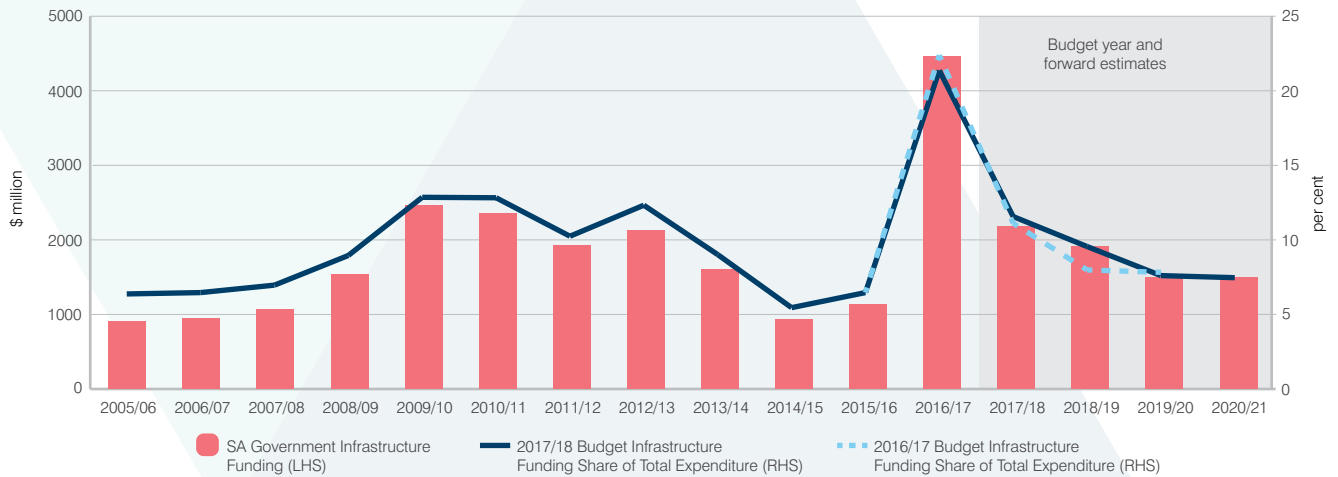
\$156.3 million for health infrastructure including **\$20.4 million** for upgrades to Alice Springs Hospital

* NT infrastructure funding based on the sum of purchases of non-financial assets and finance leases



6th Place: South Australia

Figure 8: South Australia General Government Infrastructure Funding



Source: IPA Analysis, 2017

SA infrastructure statistics:*

Value	Description
9.03%	share of budget dedicated to infrastructure
10.63%	decade average dedicated to infrastructure
\$7.09b	total infrastructure funding over forward estimates
-\$2.69b	decrease this budget

Major funding allocations in SA:

Road



\$166.4 million in FY2017/18 towards the [Torrens Road to River Torrens](#) project

Rail



\$152.5 million for Stage 1 of the Gawler Rail Electrification project

Social



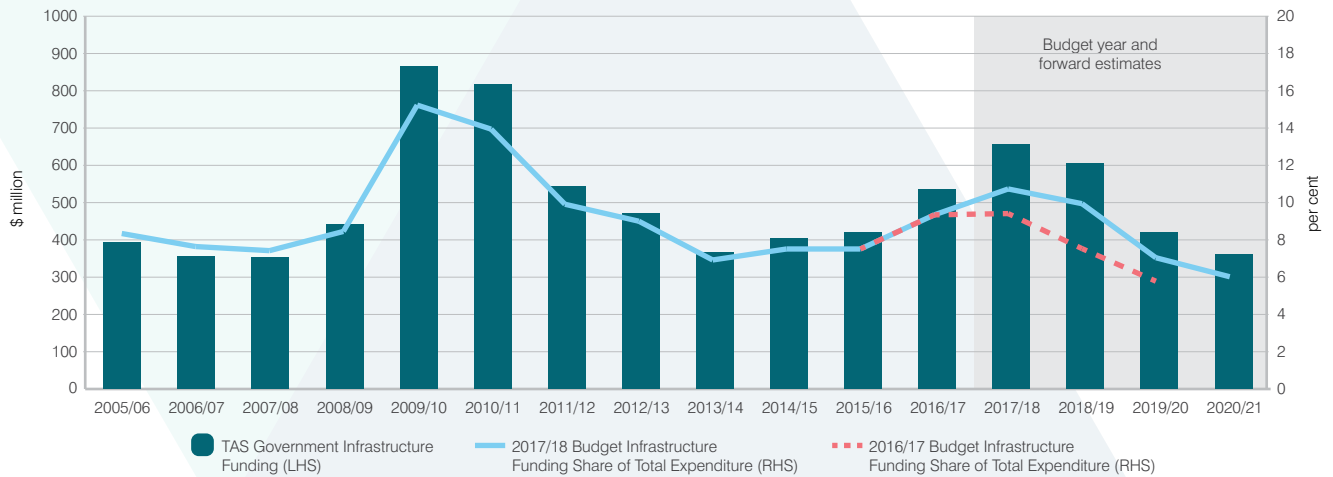
\$198 million for Stage 3 of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital

* SA infrastructure funding based on the sum of purchases of non-financial assets and finance leases



7th Place: Tasmania

Figure 9: Tasmania General Government Infrastructure Funding



Source: IPA Analysis, 2017

TAS infrastructure statistics:*

Value	Description
8.42%	share of budget dedicated to infrastructure
9.51%	decade average dedicated to infrastructure
\$2.04b	total infrastructure funding over forward estimates
+\$224m	increase this budget

Major funding allocations in TAS:

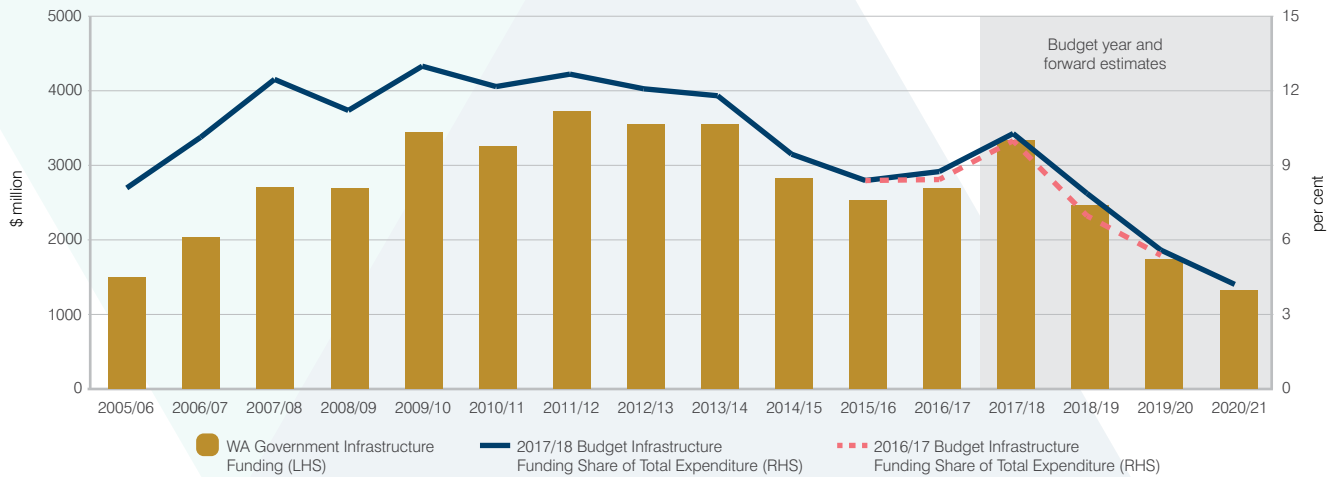
Road	Rail	Social
\$60 million brought forward for works on the Midland Highway and the Perth Link Roads project in FY2017/18	\$29.9 million to Tasmanian Railway for rail revitalisation infrastructure in FY2017/18	\$51.1 million for school infrastructure in FY2017/18

* TAS infrastructure funding based on infrastructure expenditure program figures from the Budget



8th Place: Western Australia

Figure 10: Western Australia General Government Infrastructure Funding



Source: IPA Analysis, 2017

WA infrastructure statistics:*

Value	Description
6.98%	share of budget dedicated to infrastructure
11.19%	decade average dedicated to infrastructure
\$8.86b	total infrastructure funding over forward estimates
-\$637m	decrease this budget

Major funding allocations in WA:

Road



\$3.7 billion over the four years to FY2020/21 for road infrastructure

Social



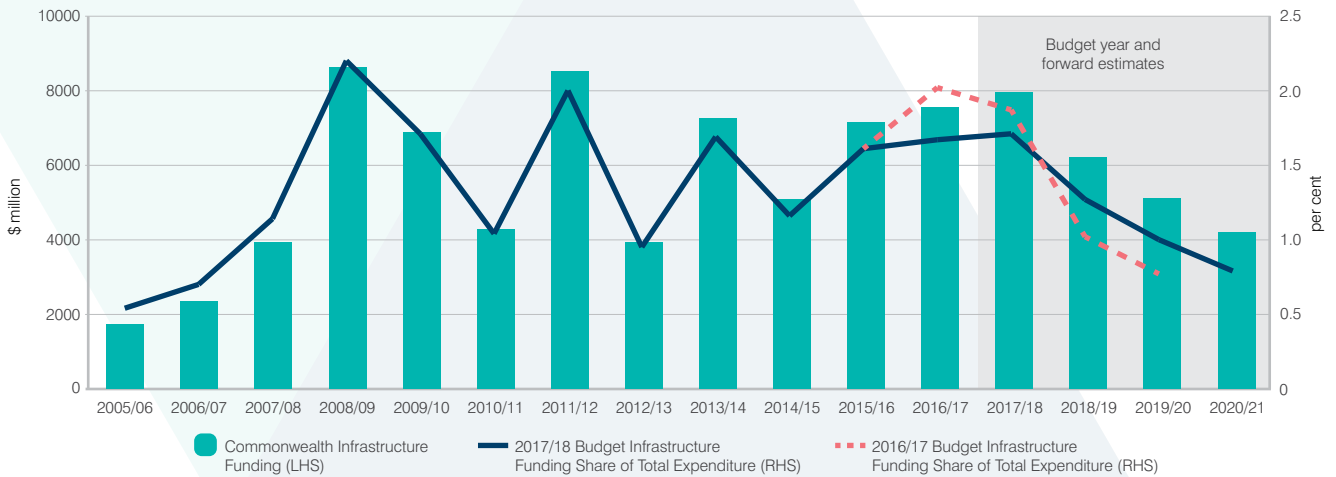
\$1.4 billion over four years to FY2020/21 for the construction, refurbishment and expansion of public schools

* WA infrastructure funding based on the sum of purchases of non-financial assets and finance leases.



Commonwealth Government

Figure 11: Commonwealth General Government Infrastructure Funding



Source: IPA Analysis, 2017

CTH infrastructure statistics:*

Value	Description
1.19%	share of budget dedicated to infrastructure
1.52%	decade average dedicated to infrastructure
\$23.49b	total infrastructure funding over forward estimates
-\$3.45b	decrease this budget

Major funding allocations in CTH:

Road



\$843.8 million for Bruce Highway projects in Queensland over the next seven years

Rail



\$792 million for the Perth [Metronet](#) project

* Commonwealth Government infrastructure funding based on figures on National Partnership Payments for infrastructure in the Budget. The Commonwealth Government primarily funds state infrastructure projects; as such it is not formally included in the rankings. The Commonwealth Government appears in this report for transparency and to provide a comprehensive view of funding commitments.

