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INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIPS AUSTRALIA WELCOMES COURSE CORRECTION FOR QUEENSLAND HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE PIPELINE

Industry think tank Infrastructure Partnerships Australia has today welcomed the announcement by the Queensland Government that it has commissioned an assessment into its health infrastructure pipeline including timeline, costs and labour requirements.

“We welcome the critical steps taken today by the Queensland Government that balances the need to deliver important upgrades and capacity to the State’s health system within the current resource-constrained environment,” said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Chief Executive Officer Adrian Dwyer.

“We’ve been advocating for a reality check since first revealing concerning capacity constraints within the national hospital infrastructure pipeline nearly two years ago. During this time, calls from industry have grown louder and louder, as the realities of a tightly sequenced pipeline and emerging labour scarcities hit home.”

“Queenslanders need to brace themselves for a dose of hard medicine. The findings will be sobering. The former Government’s hospital delivery ambitions were commendable, but blind optimism and unbridled enthusiasm was never a plausible delivery strategy.”

A [report](#) released earlier this year by Infrastructure Partnerships Australia found that at the peak of the nation’s health infrastructure pipeline in late-2026, the projected volume of labour required will be two and a half times today’s level.

While all jurisdictions will require additional resources, the demand was found to be most pertinent in Queensland due to the former Government’s Capacity Expansion Program, which aspires to deliver 15 projects, including three new hospital megaprojects, by 2028.

“Our analysis found that the Capacity Expansion Program would result in a significant and swift upwards spike in labour resource requirements from 2025, only alleviating in 2028. At its peak, a 604 per cent growth in workers would be required in June 2026 compared to today’s levels. Given that hospital projects are already facing scarcities across all delivery phases, this figure is untenable without course correction,” said Mr Dwyer.

“We’ll be delighted to continue to engage with the Queensland Government throughout this process to deliver a more practical, sustainable pipeline for the benefit of patients and taxpayers.”





“While Queensland’s hospital delivery challenges are the most acute, they are not unique. We’re calling on other state governments and delivery bodies to take heed of today’s announcement to ensure their own pipelines are achievable amid current market conditions.”

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