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INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIPS AUSTRALIA WELCOMES SANGSTER QUEENSLAND HOSPITAL REVIEW FINDINGS

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Industry think tank Infrastructure Partnerships Australia has today welcomed the findings from the Sangster review into the Queensland hospital infrastructure pipeline, and the Queensland Government's response.

"The previous plan was developed in the context of an almost \$50 billion national health infrastructure pipeline that currently stands at 90 projects," said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Chief Executive Officer Adrian Dwyer.

"Given this context, the previous plan was little more than a mirage of media releases."

"What today's review findings and the Government's response acknowledge is the reality that was known at the time the projects were announced; that the previous plan was under-scoped and undeliverable."

Previous modelling by Infrastructure Partnerships Australia showed the volume and sequence of Australia's health infrastructure pipeline, as it stood in mid-2024, would result in extended periods where the demand for highly technical and specialist occupations far outstripped the supply available.

At its peak in late-2026, the projected volume of labour required to deliver the national hospital pipeline was at two and a half times today's level, with Queensland facing the most acute labour demand.

To make the previous program timings feasible, Queensland would require a 604 per cent increase in specialist trades and skilled workers by the construction peak in June 2026.

"To their credit, the Queensland Government has acknowledged the challenges previously raised by industry, and sought to adjust the pipeline accordingly," said Mr Dwyer.

"Without course correction, this program would have faced serious delivery risk and been plagued by further cost increases."

"While today is a step in the right direction, more work needs to be done to ensure that project scopes better reflect the reality in which they will be delivered."

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