



AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

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Australian Constructors Association: Comment on IPA Report

The Australian Constructors Association today welcomed the IPA report recommending a number of interim funding measures to ensure the financing of significant Public Private Partnership projects.

“This is an important discussion that the Government and private sectors need to have,” said ACA Executive Director Jim Barrett.

“Public Private Partnerships (PPP) have been successfully utilised in Australia for the past ten years and have demonstrated better time and cost outcomes than more traditional approaches with an improved focus on service outcomes,” Mr Barrett said.

Mr Barrett said that at present, private sector debt funding for infrastructure markets is extremely limited.

“There is no way a private sector consortium could provide a fully unwritten bid for a major infrastructure project in the current climate. But it is in no ones interest to put the PPP model in the cupboard until the world recovers from the Global Financial Crisis.

“What this report proposes are a number of options for the Commonwealth to act strategically to ensure Australia’s infrastructure market is sustained through the next few years,” Mr Barrett said.

In recent months there have been a range of discussions within the infrastructure sector between clients, financiers and contractors, looking for innovative ways to bridge the PPP finance gap. These proposals are a timely addition and warrant serious consideration by the Government.

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