

Dissenting Report by the Australian Greens

1.1 The Australian Greens believe the Asset Recycling Initiative introduced as part of the Infrastructure funding in the 2014-15 Budget should not proceed, for reasons that are so self-evident as to be barely worth documenting.

1.2 The myth of the pre-eminence of private sector efficiency for running essential services and natural monopoly infrastructure should be set aside for the shallow and self-serving ideological dead-end that it is.

1.3 Bribing financially stretched state Governments to sell state assets in return for funding catastrophically expensive urban freeways and tunnels graphically illustrates the Coalition's poverty of vision when it comes to infrastructure funding.

1.4 The Australian Greens will oppose this measure, and will continue to promote deliberative planning processes to establish infrastructure plans that serve communities rather than dividing them.

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