STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman: Mrs J Prentice MP

Deputy Chair: The Hon M Thistlethwaite MP

Committee to examine key infrastructure projects pipeline

Infrastructure Australia will appear before the House Infrastructure Communications Committee at a public hearing on Wednesday 4 June 2014.

Central to discussions will be Infrastructure Australia's work program. This includes an audit of Australia's current infrastructure base; and the development of a rolling 15 year pipeline of key national, state and local infrastructure projects.

The committee's hearing will also assess Infrastructure Australia's policy guidance to the Federal Government on matters including current and future infrastructure needs, financing mechanisms and how policy, pricing and regulation impacts investment. Also to be considered by the committee are the governance changes to Infrastructure Australia which are currently before the Parliament.

Committee Chairman Jane Prentice said prior to the hearing that evidence to the committee has already suggested that there are issues with the consistency of infrastructure-related policy and regulation in different Australian jurisdictions.

"The navigation of these issues has been the cause of some difficulty for private sector entities looking to make investments or development decisions in relation to all types of infrastructure projects" she said.

Details of the hearing are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 4 June 2014

8.15am - 9.00am Time:

Place: **Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House CANBERRA**

Further information on the inquiry, including the full terms of reference and how to prepare a submission can be obtained from the committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/ic or from the Secretariat on (02) 6277 2352.

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