

**Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016  
**Infrastructure and Regional Development**

**Question no.:** 76

**Program:** N/A

**Division/Agency:** Infrastructure Australia

**Topic:** IA Submission – confirmation of submission received

**Proof Hansard Page:** 68 (19 October 2015)

**Senator Gallacher, Alex asked:**

**Senator GALLACHER:** Perhaps if I could get a date that the New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, NT and ACT lists were received. Western Australia have not put the list in?

**Mr Davies:** At this stage, no.

**Senator GALLACHER:** Did they put a note in saying, 'We're progressing and don't leave us out' or they just did not respond?

**Mr Davies:** We are still waiting to receive something from them.

**Senator GALLACHER:** So, no response. Are these submissions published on the IA website?

**Mr Davies:** All of the submissions have been provided on a confidential basis at this stage. We are now busy working through those submissions, seeking further information and working closely with our state and territory colleagues to better understand some of what they have provided to us.

**Senator GALLACHER:** I am sorry to interrupt. We have time pressures and I have a list of questions. I know you have been effusive in your answers, but if they are not answering my questions—

**Senator BULLOCK:** Can I just ask a follow-up to that?

**Senator GALLACHER:** Yes.

**Answer:**

Submissions were received from states and territories on the following dates:

- NSW 14 September
- Queensland 17 September
- Victoria 18 September
- Tasmania 21 September
- ACT 22 September
- SA 8 October
- NT 12 October
- WA 16 October

**Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016  
**Infrastructure and Regional Development**

**Question no.:** 77

**Program:** N/A

**Division/Agency:** Infrastructure Australia

**Topic:** Northern Connector Project

**Proof Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Edwards , Sean asked:**

- When the South Australian Government applied to IA for the *Northern Connector* project, was there a rail component factored into their plan?
- What was the rail route provided? Was it a freight or passenger transport route?
- What site remediation would be required for this rail component?

**Answer:**

- An early proposal for the *Northern Connector* project considered several delivery options, including development of a rail component, and preservation of a future rail corridor.
- The rail corridor proposed was primarily on the western side of the Northern Connector roadway, linking to the existing lines at Virginia, Dry Creek, and Port Adelaide.
- Infrastructure Australia has not been advised of any site remediation that would be required for construction of the proposed rail track.