



**Infrastructure  
Australia**

# Infrastructure Priority List



## High Priority Projects

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Proposed project	Location	Problem/opportunity description	Proposed Delivery Timeframe	Category
M4 Motorway upgrade (Parramatta to Lapstone)	New South Wales	Connectivity in outer western Sydney	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
WestConnex	New South Wales	Sydney inner west road congestion	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Sydney Metro: City and Southwest	New South Wales	Sydney rail network capacity	Medium term (5-10 years)	Urban Congestion
Western Sydney Airport	New South Wales	Sydney aviation capacity	Medium term (5-10 years)	National Connectivity
M80 Ring Road upgrade	Victoria	Melbourne M80 Western Ring Road congestion	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Monash Freeway Upgrade Stage 2	Victoria	Melbourne south east and outer south east congestion	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
North East Link	Victoria	Connectivity between M80 and M3 in north-east Melbourne	Medium term (5-10 years)	Urban Congestion

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Brisbane Metro	Queensland	Brisbane inner city public transport network capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
METRONET: Yanchep Rail Extension	Western Australia	Perth rail network capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion

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Inland Rail (Melbourne to Brisbane via inland NSW)	National	Freight connectivity Melbourne–Brisbane.	Long term (10-15 years)	National Connectivity
The Northern Road upgrade	New South Wales	Access to south-west Sydney growth area and construction access to Western Sydney Airport.	Near term (0-5 years)	National Connectivity
Ballarat Line Upgrade	Victoria	Improving capacity and reliability of public transport between Melbourne's outer west and the CBD	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade	Queensland	Queensland north coast rail congestion.	Near term (0-5 years)	National Connectivity
METRONET: Thornlie-Cockburn Link	Western Australia	Perth rail network capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Myalup-Wellington Water Project	Western	Opportunity to develop industry and	Near term (0-5 years)	Opportunity

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	Australia	agriculture in south-west Western Australia.	years)	for Growth
Adelaide's North-South Corridor: Regency Road to Pym Street	South Australia	Adelaide north-south urban road network capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Eyre Infrastructure Project (Iron Road)	South Australia	Eyre Peninsula freight capacity.	Near term (0-5 years)	Opportunity for Growth
Gawler Rail Line Electrification and Modernisation Project	South Australia	Adelaide outer north east suburbs access to CBD	Near term (0-5 years)	Opportunity for Growth
Hobart Science and Technology Precinct	Tasmania	Opportunity to stimulate economic growth and productivity in Tasmania.	Near term (0-5 years)	Opportunity for Growth

## High Priority Initiatives

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Network Optimisation Program – Rail	National	Increasing rates of urban congestion across multiple corridors in Australian cities.	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Network Optimisation Program – Roads	National	National urban road network congestion.	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Preserve corridor for East Coast High Speed Rail	National	Future connectivity between east coast capital cities	Near term (0-5 years)	Corridor Preservation
National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy	National	National strategic planning for future freight initiatives	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Sydney rail network capacity	New South Wales	Sydney rail network capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Sydney Gateway	New South Wales	Connection between WestConnex at St Peters and Sydney Airport/Port Botany	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion

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Sydney Metro West (Mass transit between Parramatta and Sydney CBD)	New South Wales	Connectivity between Parramatta and Sydney CBD	Medium term (5-10 years)	Urban Congestion
Southern Sydney to CBD public transport enhancement	New South Wales	Connection between inner south urban growth area and Sydney CBD	Medium term (5-10 years)	Urban Congestion
Preserve corridor for Western Sydney Freight Line and Intermodal Terminal access	New South Wales	Future freight rail capacity to Eastern Creek Intermodal and Sydney Main West Line	Near term (0-5 years)	Corridor Preservation
Public transport capacity (Parramatta Road and Victoria Road corridors)	New South Wales	Sydney corridor congestion: Northern Beaches, Parramatta Road, Victoria Road	Near term (0-5 years)	Corridor Preservation
Preserve corridor for Outer Sydney Orbital road and rail / M9, and Castlereagh Connection	New South Wales	Future connectivity between Western Sydney and Central Coast/Illawarra	Near term (0-5 years)	Corridor Preservation
Preserve corridor for Western Sydney Airport fuel pipeline	New South Wales	Future fuel connection to Western Sydney Airport 5	Near term (0-5 years)	Corridor Preservation
Preserve corridor for Western Sydney Airport rail connection	New South Wales	Future rail connection to Western Sydney Airport	Near term (0-5 years)	Corridor Preservation

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Chullora Junction upgrade	New South Wales	Sydney freight rail network capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Opportunity for Growth
Port Botany freight rail duplication	New South Wales	Sydney Port Botany rail freight capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Opportunity for Growth
Improve the connection between Eastern Freeway and CityLink	Victoria	Connectivity between Melbourne's Eastern Freeway and CityLink	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Melbourne rail network capacity	Victoria	Melbourne rail network capacity	Medium term (5-10 years)	Urban Congestion
Preserve corridor for Melbourne Outer Metropolitan Ring Road / E6	Victoria	Future connectivity between Melbourne outer south west and outer north	Near term (0-5 years)	Corridor Preservation
Cross River Rail: A rail solution to support an integrated passenger transport network in South East Queensland	Queensland	Brisbane CBD public transport capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Ipswich Motorway Upgrade Rocklea to Darra (remaining sections)	Queensland	Southern Brisbane–Ipswich road network capacity.	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Port of Brisbane dedicated freight rail	Queensland	Freight rail access to Port of Brisbane.	Medium term (5-10 years)	Opportunity



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connection			years)	for Growth
Perth CBD – north corridor capacity	Western Australia	Perth northern corridor capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Mitchell and Kwinana Freeways – widening and smart freeways technology	Western Australia	Perth road network capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion

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Connect gas suppliers to eastern gas markets	National	Constrained East Coast gas supply	Near term (0-5 years)	Efficient Markets
Advanced Train Management System implementation on ARTC network	National	Rail freight capacity constraint on ARTC network	Near term (0-5 years)	National Connectivity
Active transport (walking and cycling) access to Sydney CBD	New South Wales	Inner city access to Sydney CBD	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Central Station redevelopment – rail and station infrastructure	New South Wales	Connection between urban and intercity rail, buses, light rail and metro	Medium term (5-10 years)	Urban Congestion
F6 Extension	New South Wales	Connectivity between Wollongong and Sydney CBD	Medium term (5-10 years)	Urban Congestion
Public transport access to Parramatta CBD	New South Wales	Public transport access to Parramatta CBD	Medium term (5-10 years)	Urban Congestion

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Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link	New South Wales	Sydney road network cross-harbour and Northern Beaches connectivity	Long term (10-15 years)	Urban Congestion
Pacific Highway (M1) - extension to Raymond Terrace	New South Wales	Sydney–Brisbane connectivity	Near term (0-5 years)	National Connectivity
Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan	New South Wales	Access to Western Sydney and Western Sydney Airport	Near term (0-5 years)	National Connectivity
Newell Highway upgrade	New South Wales	Melbourne–Brisbane connectivity	Near term (0-5 years)	National Connectivity
Pacific Highway (A1) – Coffs Harbour bypass	New South Wales	Sydney–Brisbane connectivity	Near term (0-5 years)	National Connectivity
Moorebank Intermodal Terminal road connection upgrade	New South Wales	Road network connectivity to Moorebank Intermodal Terminal	Near term (0-5 years)	National Connectivity
Freight rail access to Port Kembla	New South Wales	Freight rail access to Port Kembla	Near term (0-5 years)	National Connectivity
New England Highway upgrade	New South Wales	Sydney–Brisbane connectivity	Medium term (5-10 years)	National Connectivity

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Western Sydney Airport public transport connection	New South Wales	Access to Western Sydney Airport	Long term (10-15 years)	National Connectivity
Newcastle–Sydney and Wollongong–Sydney rail line upgrades	New South Wales	Connectivity between Newcastle, Wollongong and Sydney CBD	Long term (10-15 years)	National Connectivity
Northern Sydney Freight Corridor Stage 2: Additional track West Ryde to Rhodes and Thornleigh to Hornsby	New South Wales	Sydney freight rail network capacity	Long term (10-15 years)	National Connectivity
Southern Sydney Freight Line upgrade	New South Wales	Sydney South to Moorebank rail freight capacity 8	Long term (10-15 years)	National Connectivity
Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley flood management	New South Wales	Flood mitigation in Hawkesbury–Nepean Valley	Near term (0-5 years)	Resilience
Melbourne level crossings removal	Victoria	Melbourne urban road network congestion	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Melbourne Airport to the CBD public transport capacity	Victoria	Access to Melbourne airport	Medium term (5-10 years)	Urban Congestion
Public transport access to Fishermans Bend	Victoria	Connection between Fishermans Bend growth area and Melbourne	Medium term (5-10 years)	Urban Congestion

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		CBD		
Melbourne outer northern suburbs to CBD capacity upgrade	Victoria	Melbourne outer northern suburbs access to CBD	Long term (10-15 years)	Urban Congestion
Melbourne Airport third runway	Victoria	Melbourne aviation capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	National Connectivity
Melbourne–Geelong rail capacity enhancement	Victoria	Melbourne-Geelong rail capacity	Long term (10-15 years)	National Connectivity
Melbourne container terminal capacity enhancement	Victoria	Melbourne container terminal capacity	Long term (10-15 years)	National Connectivity
Melton Rail Line upgrade	Victoria	Melbourne outer western suburbs access to CBD	Medium term (5-10 years)	Opportunity for Growth
Gold Coast Rail Line capacity improvement (Kuraby to Beenleigh)	Queensland	Brisbane-Gold Coast rail capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Brisbane to Gold Coast transport corridor upgrades	Queensland	Brisbane to Gold Coast transport capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
M1 Pacific Motorway (Eight Mile	Queensland	Brisbane-Gold Coast road network	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban

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Plains to Daisy Hill)		capacity	years)	Congestion
Cunningham Highway – Yamanto Interchange to Ebenezer Creek	Queensland	Cunningham Highway – Yamanto to Ebenezer/ Amberley congestion	Near term (0-5 years)	National Connectivity
Bruce Highway Upgrade	Queensland	Queensland coastal cities connectivity	Near term (0-5 years)	National Connectivity
M1 Pacific Motorway (Varsity Lakes to Tugun)	Queensland	M1 Pacific Motorway capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	National Connectivity
Gladstone Port land and sea access upgrade	Queensland	Land and sea access to Port of Gladstone	Medium term (5-10 years)	National Connectivity
Mount Isa–Townsville rail corridor upgrade	Queensland	Mt Isa–Townsville rail capacity	Medium term (5-10 years)	National Connectivity
Preserve corridor for Salisbury to Beaudesert rail connection	Queensland	Future urban rail connection to Beaudesert	Near term (0-5 years)	Corridor Preservation
Lower Fitzroy River water infrastructure development	Queensland	Opportunity to develop industry and agriculture in Fitzroy region	Near term (0-5 years)	Opportunity for Growth
Perth rail network capacity	Western	Perth rail network capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban

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	Australia		years)	Congestion
Armadale Road bridge	Western Australia	Perth road network capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
Perth Airport third runway	Western Australia	Perth airport capacity	Medium term (5-10 years)	National Connectivity
Bunbury Outer Ring Road	Western Australia	WA regional freight network capacity	Medium term (5-10 years)	National Connectivity
Perth container terminal capacity and land transport access	Western Australia	Perth container terminal capacity	Long term (10-15 years)	National Connectivity
Improve road access to remote WA communities	Western Australia	Constrained road access to remote WA communities	Near term (0-5 years)	Remote Infrastructure
Adelaide North–South Corridor upgrade (remaining sections)	South Australia	Adelaide north-south urban road network capacity	Near term (0-5 years)	Urban Congestion
AdeLINK tram network	South Australia	Adelaide public transport capacity	Medium term (5-10 years)	Urban Congestion
Strzelecki Track upgrade and mobile	South Australia	Access to Cooper Basin (South	Near term (0-5	National

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coverage		Australia)	years)	Connectivity
South Australian regional mineral port development	South Australia	South Australia bulk port capacity	Medium term (5-10 years)	National Connectivity
Sturt Highway High Productivity Vehicle capacity enhancement, including Truro bypass	South Australia	South Australia road freight network capacity	Medium term (5-10 years)	National Connectivity
Gawler Craton rail access	South Australia	Freight rail connection to Gawler Craton mineral province	Long term (10-15 years)	National Connectivity
Melbourne–Adelaide–Perth rail upgrade	South Australia	Freight connectivity Melbourne–Perth	Long term (10-15 years)	National Connectivity
Derwent River crossing capacity	Tasmania	Tasmania Derwent River crossing capacity	Medium term (5-10 years)	National Connectivity
Burnie to Hobart freight corridor strategy	Tasmania	Tasmania freight network planning	Medium term (5-10 years)	National Connectivity
Tasmanian sewerage infrastructure upgrades	Tasmania	Tasmanian wastewater treatment environmental compliance	Near term (0-5 years)	Waste Water Treatment



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Second Bass Strait interconnector	Tasmania	Supply security in the national electricity markets	Long term (10-15 years)	Efficient Markets
Canberra CBD to north corridor	Australian Capital Territory	Canberra CBD to north transport corridor congestion	Medium term (5-10 years)	Urban Congestion
Canberra public transport improvements	Australian Capital Territory	Canberra public transport capacity	Medium term (5-10 years)	Urban Congestion
Upgrade Tanami Road	Northern Territory	Constrained access to the Tanami region	Near term (0-5 years)	Remote Infrastructure
Provision of enabling infrastructure and essential services to remote NT communities (Wadeye, Tiwi Islands, Jabiru)	Northern Territory	Infrastructure services for remote NT communities	Near term (0-5 years)	Remote Infrastructure
Darwin region water supply infrastructure upgrades	Northern Territory	Darwin water supply security	Medium term (5-10 years)	Water Security