

## Canberra Business Council Projects Stand Out in Infrastructure Short List

Canberra Business Council is very pleased that Light Rail and the Very Fast Train are two of the ACT Projects that have made the short list of projects for further consideration released by Infrastructure Australia today.

“All of the infrastructure proposals put forward by the Council have been included in the shortlist for further consideration – Light Rail, High Speed Rail, water and energy security and the Majura Parkway” said Chris Faulks, CEO of Canberra Business Council. “Only about 10% of all projects submitted to Infrastructure Australia made it to the short list and the ACT ended up with 9 out of 120 projects on that list. This is a great result for the ACT”

“Energy and water security, and our roads, are keys to a sustainable city and were priorities for our submission to Infrastructure Australia.”

“The largest projects are Light Rail, and the Very Fast Train. These are the truly visionary projects that will invigorate our city and our country” said Ms Faulks.

“Light Rail is a project that the Canberra Business Council and the Conservation Council put back on the agenda this year, and we are very pleased that the ACT Government had the foresight to invest in preparing a business case for a project that will provide our city with a transport system for the future”.

“The Very Fast Train is a project that is overdue. High Speed Rail has the potential to be of enormous benefit to every state along the East Coast of Australia and ACT. It is a wonderful green alternative to air travel. As a construction project it will rival the Snowy Mountains Scheme and the *New Deal* projects of the thirties, providing a major boost to our economy”.

“Canberra Business Council now encourages the ACT Government to go to the next stage of this process with enthusiasm and vigour. The business community is fully supportive of all of the projects and look forward to working with government to bring these projects home for Canberra.”

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