

612 MAJOR PROJECTS FACILITATION GROUP - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN - NOTED

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TO: PREMIER FOR CABINET TO NOTE

RE: MAJOR PROJECTS FACILITATION GROUP – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

1. PROPOSAL

1.1 To advise Cabinet of the establishment of a Major Projects Facilitation Group.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 On 6 April 2005 the Building South Australia – Strategic Infrastructure Plan was released, along with the announcement of several transport infrastructure projects.

2.2 The infrastructure plan sets out:

2.2.1 A suite of infrastructure opportunities from which priorities will be identified and progressed over the next five and 10 years.

2.2.2 A five step planning and development framework.

2.2.3 The intention for the State to invest in infrastructure through modest borrowings where appropriate.

2.2.4 A call for Government to be more responsive in the way it interacts with the private sector.

2.2.5 A willingness for Government to enter into direct negotiations with private sector parties who put forward their own intellectual property to deliver an infrastructure priority for the State.

2.3 The plan has been received well by industry bodies, such as the South Australian Freight Council, Business SA and the RAA.

3. DISCUSSION

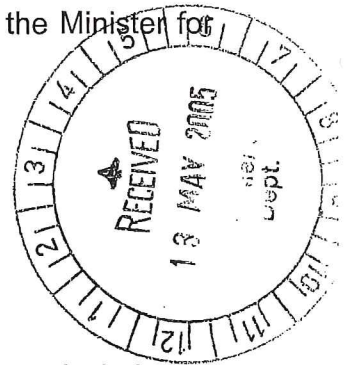
3.1 A Major Projects Facilitation Group (MPFG) has been established to provide high level advice to the Government on implementation of the infrastructure plan, particularly the major projects that have been announced.

3.2 The group will provide advice to the State Government on how to facilitate the timely, transparent and cost effective delivery of major projects. The group will also assist in the resolution of other key infrastructure issues which are critical to the implementation of South Australia's Strategic Plan and the Building South Australia – Strategic Infrastructure Plan.

3.3 The MPFG will report to me as the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Infrastructure.

3.4 Membership of the group is as follows:

- Andrew Fletcher (Chair) EDB member
- Grant Belchamber EDB member
- John Bastian EDB member
- Malcolm Kinnaird Occasional advice
- Simon Stretton Probity/audit advice



Support from various Government agencies will be drawn upon, particularly:

- Tim O'Loughlin/James Home Chief Executive, Transport SA
- Jon Steele Transport SA
- Rod Hook Office for Infrastructure Development
- Ray Garrand Department of Trade and Economic Development

3.5 Attachment 1 sets out the mission, objectives and methodology that the MPFG will follow. The group will have a key role in identifying priority issues, advising on strategic process issues, resolving bottlenecks and ensuring priorities are addressed in a timely manner.

3.6 The MPFG will convene one or two private sector round tables during the next 12 months. The round tables will contribute to the ongoing prioritisation process and will aim to solicit wider private sector support for the infrastructure plan.

4. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Cabinet note:

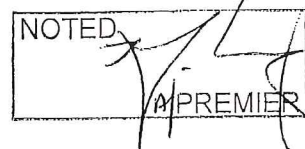
- 4.1 A Major Projects Facilitation Group comprising Economic Development Board members and key public sector employees has been established.
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HON PATRICK CONLON MP
MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

12 May 2005

In Cabinet

17 MAY 2005



ATTACHMENT 1

Mission

- To advise the South Australian Government on how to facilitate the timely, transparent and cost effective delivery of major projects that are critical to the implementation of South Australia's Strategic Plan and the Strategic Infrastructure Plan for South Australia.

Objectives

- To remove bottlenecks from Government procurement and delivery processes for major projects.
- To ensure efficient assessment, commencement and delivery of major projects which have departmental and, in particular, multi departmental involvement.
- To encourage innovation and the securing of private sector intellectual property in major project delivery.
- To facilitate the acceptance of sole sourced and unsolicited proposals where the Government considers them to be in the best interests of the South Australian community.
- To maintain the principles of transparency, probity and reasonable competitiveness in the delivery of major projects.

Methodology

- Review recent and current major Government projects to understand successes and challenges.
- Review the Government's current program/project management skills base and procurement systems.
- Identify and propose the most appropriate procurement and delivery systems to enable timely, transparent and cost effective delivery of major projects.
- Review and recommend training and recruitment strategies for developing the major project delivery skills base in the public service.
- Review and facilitate removal of blockages on current projects on a project by project basis.
- Review and advise on delivery mechanisms for sole sourced and unsolicited proposals on a proposal by proposal basis.
- Work with the resources of relevant State Government agencies, in particular the future Department of Transport, Infrastructure and Energy (currently DTUP and the Office for Infrastructure Development).
- Report to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.