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QMCA welcomes QLD Infrastructure Pipeline Report

The QMCA welcomes the release of Building Queensland's (QLD) first *Infrastructure Pipeline Report* for the State announced today by Building QLD's David Quinn" QMCA spokesman Chris Stanley said.

This report is a good first-step in establishing a framework for identifying priority infrastructure proposals, and helping to drive the process of addressing the considerable infrastructure challenges faced by Queensland.

We now look forward to the Queensland Government using the Report to complement proposals under the State Infrastructure Plan, and quickly shifting the focus to establishing a detailed and deliverable long-term infrastructure program.

This will bring a greater degree of certainty and opportunity for local business as the mining investment boom continues to fade. It will also enable the private sector and it's supply chain to better harness the skills and resources needed to deliver more cost and operationally effective outcomes for the State.

The QMCA believes that it will be important that funding of future projects is allocated transparently so as to ensure that Government funds are directed at projects which have the potential to deliver the greatest economic and social benefits. In particular, securing the funding will help keep Queenslanders locally employed.

The QMCA welcomes today's announcement by the Queensland Government of the \$800m funding for the Cross River Rail project and looks forward to further news regarding the balance of funding to ensure certainty of the project.

In planning its future infrastructure investment in Queensland we would also urge Government to consider:

- smoothing delivery cycles as a means of reducing project costs;
- utilising non-funding levers available, including the establishment of project-specific agencies for mega-projects, streamlining development approvals and rationalising government tender processes; and
- developing programs of projects that can be commenced at short notice as timing and funding within the project pipeline permit.

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