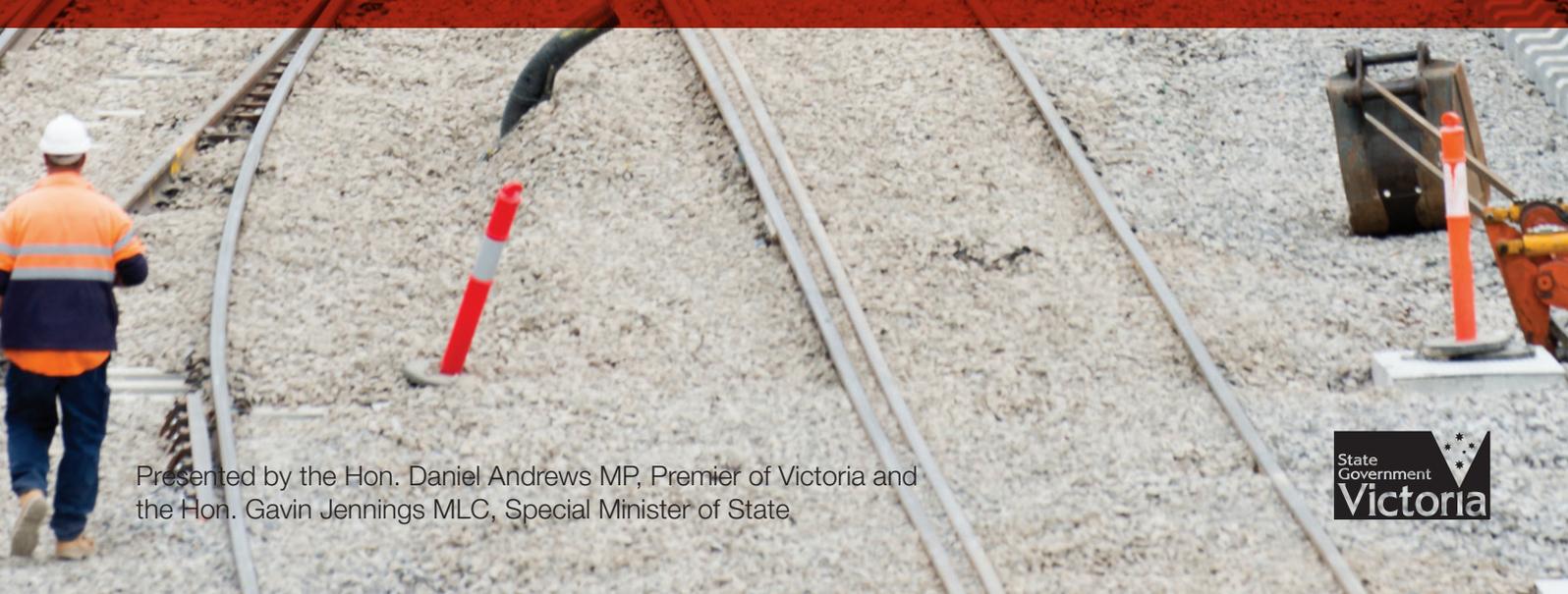




INFRASTRUCTURE VICTORIA



Presented by the Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, Premier of Victoria and
the Hon. Gavin Jennings MLC, Special Minister of State



PRIORITIES, NOT POLITICS



Governments come and go, but our long-term infrastructure priorities always remain.

That's why we're establishing a clear, expert source of advice – one which is independent of politics and focused on our priorities.

Infrastructure Victoria will take the politics out of major projects.

It will put evidence and transparency front and centre.

It will consult widely and consider the needs of the whole state.

It will prioritise the projects that deliver results and drive new jobs.

Most importantly, it will help governments plan our future and make better decisions.



Major projects come in many forms – schools, hospitals, transport, energy, water, arts and cultural facilities – and Infrastructure Victoria will provide advice on them all.

Their plan will be made public, because Victorians and businesses deserve to know more about the decisions that will affect their future.

With Infrastructure Victoria, they can have faith that those decisions are based on strong evidence and independent advice – based on our priorities, not our politics.

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The Hon. Daniel Andrews MP
Premier of Victoria

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THE NEED FOR LONG-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

Victoria is growing at a rapid pace, and governments need to plan and deliver for the future needs of an expanding population and increasing constraints on existing infrastructure.

Infrastructure priorities should not be determined by short-term politics at the expense of proper planning and value for taxpayers.

Our state's priorities should never again be developed behind closed doors to meet political needs. That only results in rushed and botched decision making, and projects that get the green light in secret and without proper regard to the costs and benefits.

Governments should be open and transparent. Projects determined and delivered based on need.

The community and the private sector deserve a better degree of certainty about our infrastructure needs and the Government's intention to deliver them.

WHAT WILL INFRASTRUCTURE VICTORIA DO?

Infrastructure Victoria will guide better decision making, hold government to account and enhance public debate about Victoria’s future. It will take the short-term politics out of infrastructure planning.

Long-term planning

Infrastructure Victoria will develop and release a 30-year Infrastructure Strategy on the state’s infrastructure needs and priorities, to be updated every three to five years. This will include a pipeline of recommended projects. The strategy will respond to emerging needs and pressures across our economy, environment and society to help maintain and improve the quality of life of all Victorians.

The strategy will draw from existing government planning and will be strengthened by working with the community, experts, academia and local government.

Government response and five year Infrastructure Plan

In response to Infrastructure Victoria’s 30-year Infrastructure Strategy, the Government will be required to respond to the strategy’s recommendations. This response will include a five-year Infrastructure Plan, which outlines the Government’s infrastructure priorities.

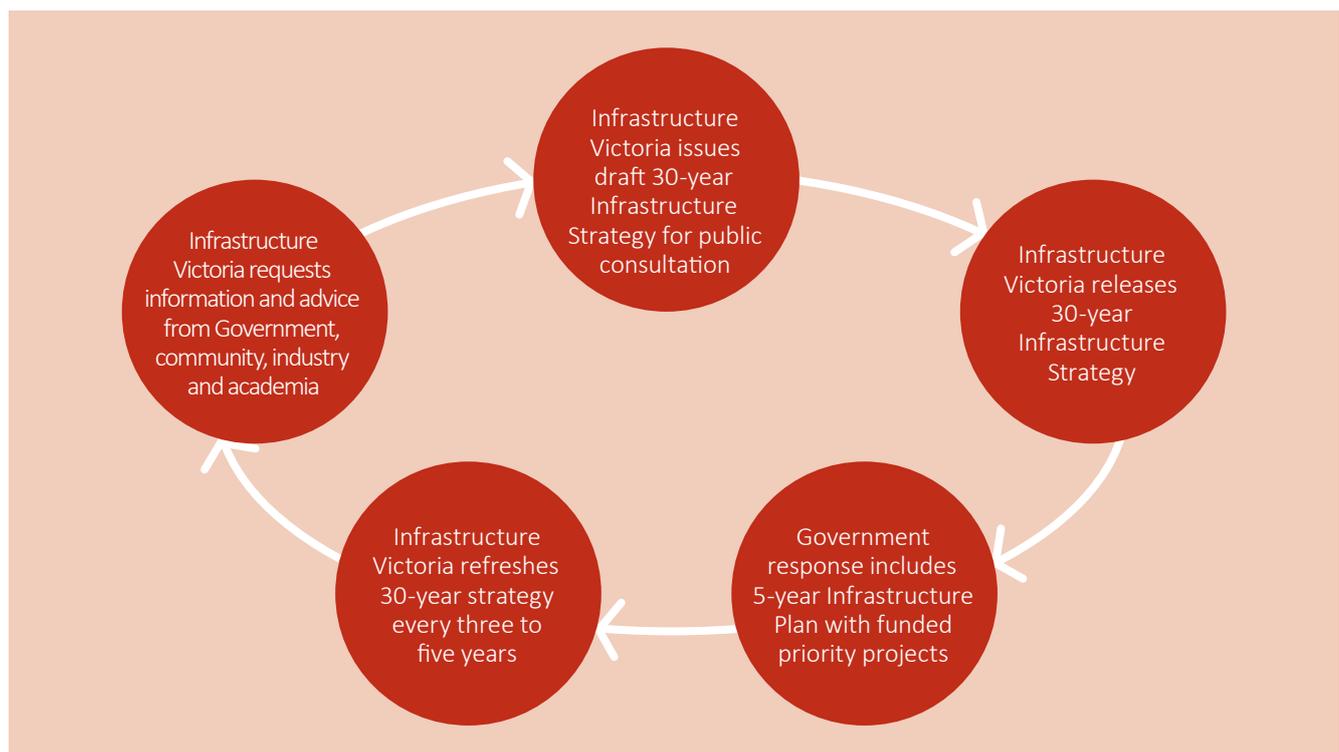
Publishing research

Infrastructure Victoria will develop and publish research on infrastructure issues including appropriate financing and funding models for projects.

Advising Government

Infrastructure Victoria will advise the Government on infrastructure matters when requested, including assessing the business cases for major infrastructure proposals.

Figure 1: New strategic infrastructure planning process





KEY FEATURES OF INFRASTRUCTURE VICTORIA

Independence and transparency

Infrastructure Victoria will publicly release and regularly update the 30-year strategy without government approval. The Government will not be able to directly influence the content or timing of the strategy. Following the publication of a government response to the 30-year strategy and five year Infrastructure Plan, the community can judge how governments are delivering on these priorities.

Infrastructure Victoria will have the ability to independently develop and publish its own research.

Where government requests written advice, the subject and date of its advice will be published in Infrastructure Victoria's annual report.

Infrastructure Victoria will be established as an independent statutory authority, guided by a board of seven directors. The Chair, Deputy Chair and two other board members will be appointed from the private or non-government sectors to ensure Infrastructure Victoria's independence. Three Victorian Government Secretaries will also serve as unpaid directors to enable necessary coordination.

Broad analysis

Infrastructure Victoria will be required to undertake its work with a focus on social, economic and environmental outcomes to ensure a broad view of infrastructure needs. Infrastructure Victoria's recommendations will not only relate to new projects but also consider options to better use existing infrastructure through operational improvements, policy changes, new technology or regulatory reform.

Extensive engagement

Before finalising the 30-year strategy, Infrastructure Victoria will release a draft for public consultation. Infrastructure Victoria will consult with a range of experts, receive written and oral submissions, hold public seminars and workshops, and issue draft reports and discussion papers.

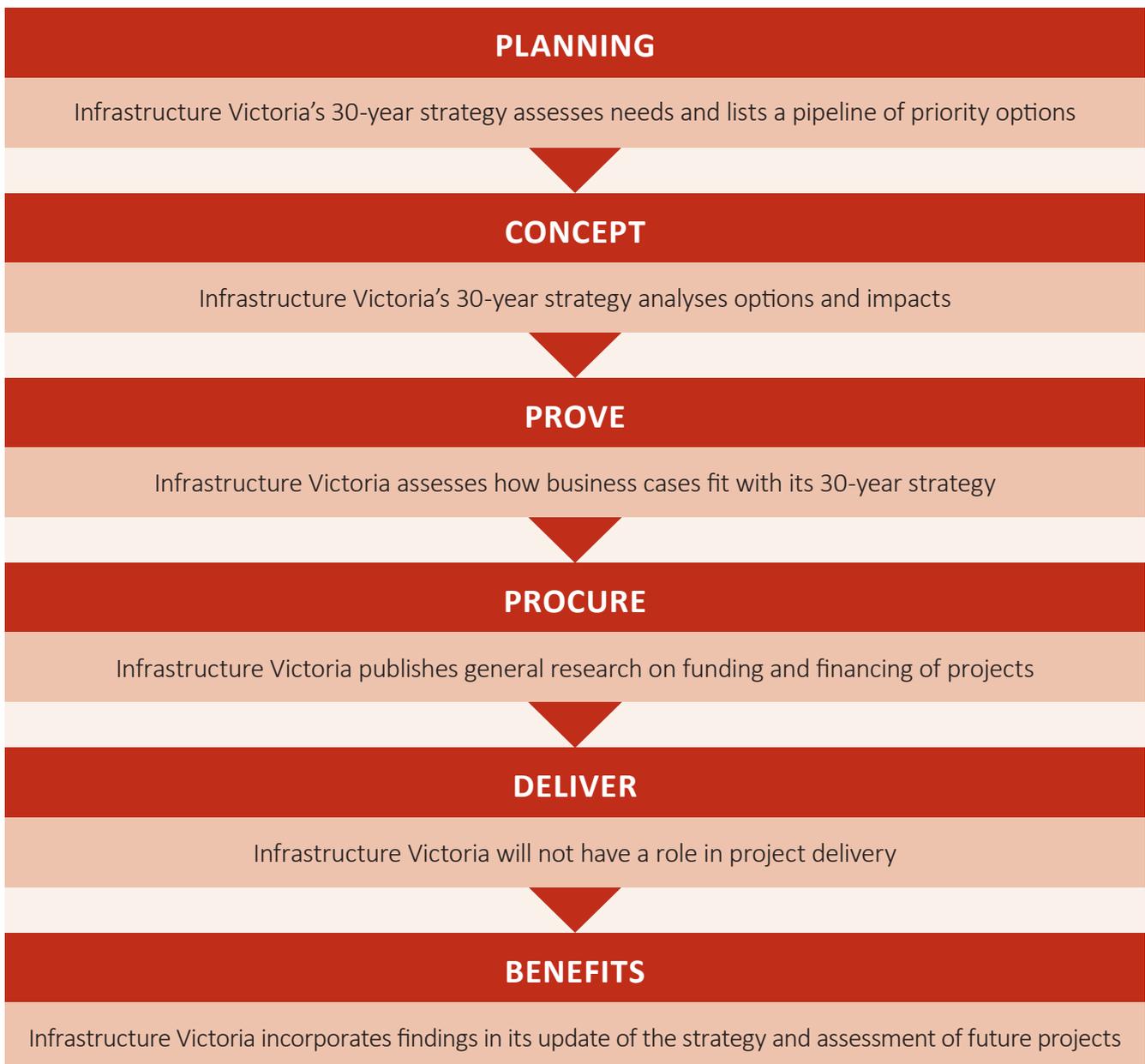
GETTING STARTED

Infrastructure Victoria will be operational in late 2015. Its first priorities will be to start work on the 30-year strategy and provide independent advice to the Government on major projects.

How will Infrastructure Victoria be involved in major projects?

Infrastructure Victoria will be involved in major projects in a number of ways and stages as shown below.

Figure 2: How Infrastructure Victoria will be involved in a major project



AUSTRALIA'S MOST INDEPENDENT INFRASTRUCTURE ADVICE

Infrastructure Victoria will be the most independent, transparent, widely scoped and broadly engaging infrastructure advisory body in Australia.

Figure 3: Summary comparison of comparable government infrastructure bodies

	Infrastructure Victoria	Infrastructure New South Wales	Infrastructure Australia	Building Queensland (proposed)
Purpose Provide independent advice on infrastructure needs and responses	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ministerial Control Legislated independence from Ministerial direction	✓	✗	✗	✗
Breadth of analysis Required to include social and environmental objectives	✓	✗	✗	✓
Extent of engagement Required to consult publicly on infrastructure needs and priorities	✓	✗	✗	✗
Degree of transparency Legislated power to publish strategy or research carried out at own initiative	✓	✗	✓	✓

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