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Cross river rail project vital to economy

The peak industry body representing the Civil Construction industry said that the Queensland Government's decision to commit \$800million in funding to the Cross River Rail project is very welcome and signals Queensland's intention to create momentum by driving critical economic activity through major infrastructure development.

The Cross River Rail project ranked as a high priority project in Infrastructure Australia's 15-year Infrastructure Plan to deal with urban congestion and is seen as a vital transformational project benefitting both the Queensland and Australian economies.

"Clearly the Palaszczuk Government sees the vital linkages between the Cross River Rail project and economic and social benefits that can be derived from the project," said CCF National Chief Executive Officer, John Miller.

"The project will require substantial Federal and other funding support to see it come to fruition and it is therefore important that decisions can be made quickly to expedite commencement of and secure the future of this major project.

"Now is the time to get all stakeholders to the table to commit to a project long held as a much needed and multi-faceted economic driver that has much wider benefits to Australian economy beyond the eventual users within the confines of Brisbane.

"The thinking behind the project has been years in the making and the benefits will be multi-generational. The sooner this project is commenced the sooner the economic benefits will begin to flow.

"There is no question that the significant size of this project will be very good for the construction industry but we are also mindful of the bigger picture thinking behind the Cross River Rail project and foresee a much better future for Queensland given future population projections and commuter requirements in the years ahead.

"At a time when there has been so much emphasis on and so many promises made about addressing infrastructure, here is a great opportunity to demonstrate commitment for a project that has been assessed as meeting a vital need," concluded Mr. Miller

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