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Industry's Releases Federal Election Infrastructure Priorities

The Civil Contractors (CCF) has released its Federal election infrastructure platform calling on a future government to adopt much needed and immediate infrastructure policy reform to boost Australian productivity and economic growth.

CCF Chief Executive Officer Chris Melham said the construction industry stands ready to deliver the infrastructure Australians deserve and expect, however it will require a firm and immediate commitment from an incoming government to reform the following critical policy areas:

- **Infrastructure Investment and Funding**
- **Efficient, Equitable & Competitive Procurement**
- **Skill Development and Training**
- **Industrial Relations**
- **Protecting & Enhancing the Viability of Civil Industry Businesses**

Mr Melham said: "Infrastructure does matter in Australia - contributing over \$134 Billion to the economy, employing one million Australians and involving over 340,000 businesses", he said.

CCF acknowledges that whilst work is being done in all 5 areas, more needs to be done. The Federal Government needs to be the catalyst for genuine cooperation across all levels of government, and genuine consultation with industry to address infrastructure policy shortcomings.

"Of major importance is the need to increase the level of infrastructure spend and to ensure a fair distribution of project allocation across all jurisdictions – particularly through rural, regional and remote Australia", Melham said.

"The CCF urges all sides of politics at all levels of government to embrace its policy priorities to secure Australia's future prosperity - today", concluded Mr Melham.

A full copy of the CCF Federal Election policy platform can be downloaded at:

<https://www.civilcontractors.com/2019-federal-election/>

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About the Civil Contractors Federation

The Civil Contractors Federation (CCF) is the peak employer body representing over 2,000 companies engaged in civil construction in every jurisdiction of Australia. CCF Members are responsible for the construction and maintenance of Australia's infrastructure, including roads, bridges, pipelines, drainage, ports and utilities. CCF members also play a vital role in the residential and commercial building construction industry by providing earthmoving and land development services including the provision of power, water, communications and gas.

Constructing Australia's Infrastructure