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New COVID-19 Survey Confirms Civil Infrastructure Sector is Ready to Boost the Economy

Australia's peak voice for the civil infrastructure sector today released the results of its [COVID-19 Member Survey](#) providing strong evidence that the sector has the capacity to take on more civil infrastructure projects and employ thousands more workers to stimulate the Australian economy.

Civil Contractors Federation National undertook a nationwide [COVID-19 CCF Member Survey](#) of civil construction companies to obtain feedback and data on the business impact of COVID-19, the ability for companies to tender for more civil construction projects, and their likelihood to employ more workers.

"The survey results demonstrate civil construction companies, particularly those operating at the tier 2, tier 3, and below have significant capacity to assist the Federal Government achieve its goals of supporting the economy and to keep people employed during these unprecedented economic conditions" he said.

"The survey sends a powerful message to the Federal Government that the civil infrastructure sector is ready to lead the economic recovery if Governments inject more money into the sector for new projects," said Chris Melham, Chief Executive Officer of Civil Contractors Federation National.

"I have previously written to the Prime Minister recommending that he bring forward spending from the already committed 10-year \$100 billion infrastructure program – this spending is not a cost it's an investment."

92% of respondents advised they would have the capacity to tender for new projects up to \$50 million, if governments allocated funds for civil construction works covering: road, rail, bridges, ports, utilities, power, water, telecommunications, and other local civil projects.

64% of companies indicated said they would need to employ additional workers if they were successful in tendering for additional projects, and a further 29% indicated they would consider employing more workers.

"It is important however that these projects are spread across as many tier 2, tier 3 and below companies across Australia to ensure widespread benefits can flow from any stimulus investment, particularly in rural and regional communities where infrastructure investment can deliver a significant multiplier effect to those local economies in the form of employment, training and community spending," he said.

"Civil Contractors Federation National has provided the survey results and the survey's five recommendations to the Federal Government to encourage it to broaden and strengthen its stimulus approach by harnessing the capacity of the civil construction sector to take on more projects and employ more Australian workers," he concluded.

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Civil Contractors Federation National – COVID 19 Member Survey Recommendations

Recommendation 1

That the Federal Government increase the level of infrastructure investment in the immediate term by bringing forward its 10-year \$100 billion infrastructure investment fund and by using debt funding to increase the level beyond \$100 billion in the post COVID-19 period.

Recommendation 2

That additional project monies be allocated in a fair and equitable manner across all jurisdictions.

Recommendation 3

That the Federal Government develop and release a public agency supplier payment policy as a matter of urgency as a form of injecting cash into the civil construction supply chain by ensuring the immediate payment of all outstanding claims and prompt payment of all future claims.

Recommendation 4

That the Federal Government adopt a procurement policy that incorporates disaggregation of major projects to provide an opportunity for tier 2 companies to tender, for example, through joint venture arrangements.

Recommendation 5

That the Federal Government consider as a matter of urgency reforms to contracts and the procurement policy / process aimed at achieving a more balance approach to risk allocation and the development of collaborative contracts.

The survey is available at <https://www.civilcontractors.com/communication/national-policies/>

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