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INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR CONGRATULATES CATHERINE KING'S APPOINTMENT

Australia's peak industry voice for the civil infrastructure sector, Civil Contractors Federation National (CCF) has welcomed the appointment of the Hon. Catherine King MP as the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

"CCF congratulates Ms. King on her appointment and looks forward to working with her and the Government in addressing ongoing infrastructure investment and policy reforms to further strengthen the sector's ability to contribute to Australia's economic growth," said Chris Melham, Chief Executive Officer, CCF.

"Ms. King has held senior roles in both Opposition and Government relating to the transport and infrastructure portfolio and therefore has extensive experience and understanding of the challenges, opportunities and solutions facing the civil infrastructure sector.

"In particular, CCF looks forward to working collaboratively with the incoming Government on its 'Buy Australian Plan' which recognises the importance of infrastructure procurement reform to increase Australia's sovereign capability.

"This important policy, which CCF backed prior to the election, acknowledges the economic benefits of breaking up large contracts where possible to allow tier 2, tier 3, tier 4 and smaller SME's an opportunity to bid for civil infrastructure tenders, and is consistent with findings of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities' report [Government procurement: A sovereign security imperative](#)

"Front and Centre of infrastructure reform is the immediate need to establish a federally led infrastructure consultative body that provides a seat at the table for industry and government to work collaboratively in addressing the many challenges facing the sector, including procurement reform, the rising cost of materials, skill shortages, and the efficient delivery of Australia's infrastructure pipeline," Mr. Melham concluded.

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