

ITEM-19 LMM 27/07/21 - INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA 2022 INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITY LIST

MOTION

That City of Newcastle:

1. Notes that Infrastructure Australia's *Infrastructure Priority List* provides evidence-based advice to support an informed discussion about Australia's investment priorities and that Infrastructure Australia Chief Executive Officer, Romilly Madew AO, has written to the City of Newcastle, seeking submissions for the next update of the Infrastructure Priority List, to be published in February 2022;
2. Recognises that City of Newcastle's previous advocacy to Infrastructure Australia led to Infrastructure Australia listing the 'Newcastle Airport Capacity Expansion' as a Priority Initiative in 2021, before the project was funded by the Federal Government earlier this year;
3. Prepares a submission of City of Newcastle's infrastructure priorities, including Catalyst Area Projects as outlined in *the Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036*, seeking their inclusion in the Infrastructure Australia 2022 Infrastructure Priority List, and includes the following projects for consideration:
 - Coastal Management Planning and Erosion Management at Stockton Beach
 - Flood mitigation at Wallsend
 - John Hunter Hospital - Stage 2
 - Newcastle Art Gallery Expansion
 - Lower Hunter Freight Corridor
 - Greater Newcastle Light Rail Expansion
 - Hunter Park (Broadmeadow Sports and Entertainment Precinct)
 - Port of Newcastle Diversification
 - Newcastle Airport Expansion
 - University of Newcastle's Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM) facility
 - Affordable housing initiatives
 - Local Sporting Amenity Upgrades
 - Local Playground upgrades for Disability Inclusion
 - Ferry Terminal at Wickham
 - Active Transport (Walking & Cycling) Improvements

BACKGROUND:

**Call for submissions to the Infrastructure
Priority List (February 2022 publication)**

Submissions are now open for the February 2022 publication of the Infrastructure Priority List.

It is crucial that Australia has a comprehensive and robust infrastructure pipeline to guide our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Infrastructure Priority List provides evidence-based advice to support an informed discussion about Australia's investment priorities.

Submissions for the 2022 Infrastructure Priority List update will close 3 September 2021.

The Priority List is a living document, and we update it throughout the year as assessments are completed. Submissions received after 3 September 2021 will be considered for future updates of the Priority List.

Contact us to discuss your proposal before submission and to arrange a secure file transfer facility for your submission. You can contact us via email at proposals@infrastructureaustralia.gov.au or call us on (02) 8114 1900.

We are inviting Australia's governments and non-government bodies to submit nationally significant infrastructure problems and opportunities for consideration.

Submissions are welcome in all infrastructure sectors: energy, water, transport, telecommunications and social infrastructure.

We particularly welcome submissions that respond to the national problems and opportunities identified in the 2020 Priority List:

- Proposals that will help drive economic development in regional communities, such as
 - Mobile telecommunications coverage in regional and remote areas
 - Enabling digital health services for regional and remote Australia
 - Regional telecommunications transmission capacity
 - Remote housing overcrowding and quality
- Proposals that will help Australia invest in new sources of energy, such as
 - National Electricity Market: Dispatchable energy storage for firming capacity
 - National Electricity Market: Renewable Energy Zone expansions
 - National Electricity: Market Future connectivity and reliability
 - National highway electric vehicle fast charging
- Proposals that will improve water security, such as
 - Town and city water security
 - Bulk water supply security
- Proposals to develop gateways that support our international competitiveness, such as
 - Western Sydney Freight Line and Intermodal Terminal
 - Rail access to Webb Dock
 - Australian Marine Complex infrastructure capacity
 - Port of Burnie capacity
 - Hobart Port precinct capacity improvements
 - Common user infrastructure at the Middle Arm Precinct

RELATED PREVIOUS DECISIONS:

- LMM 22/10/2019 – City of Newcastle Budget submission 2019/20
- LMM 23/02/2021 – City of Newcastle Budget Submission 2021/22
- LMM 27/08/2019 – Infrastructure Australia 2020 Priority List
- LMM 28/07/2020 – Infrastructure Australia 2021 Priority List
- LMM 28/04/2020 - City of Newcastle Fast-track Infrastructure Stimulus Opportunities

1. Catalyst Areas for Greater Newcastle Projects, as identified in the Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan

2. Large-scale priority infrastructure projects:



Coastal Management Planning and Erosion Management, especially at Stockton Beach



Flood mitigation at Wallsend



Newcastle Airport Expansion



Port of Newcastle Diversification



Hunter Sports and Entertainment Precinct



Newcastle Light Rail Expansion



Lower Hunter Freight Corridor



Affordable housing initiatives



Metropolitan wide active transport (walking & cycling) improvements



John Hunter Hospital campus upgrades



Newcastle Art Gallery Expansion



Local Sporting Amenity Upgrades



Local Playground upgrades, particularly for disability inclusion



Ferry Terminal at Wickham



Pensioner Rate Rebates



University of Newcastle STEM Regional Transformation Hub

3. Local priority infrastructure projects:



Summerhill Waste Management Centre – Organics Processing Facility



Richmond Vale Rail Trail



Newcastle Beach Community Facility (Stage 2, Newcastle Beach – Bathers Way)



Junction to Merewether Cycleway



Newcastle West Bi-directional Cycleway – West End Stage 2, Phase 1



Newcastle East End Streetscape Upgrades and Cycleway



Foreshore Park All Abilities Playground



Western Corridor Active Hub



Local Centres Program