LAUNCH OF GREEN PAPER: INFRASTRUCTURE IMPERATIVES FOR AUSTRALIA

The SMART Infrastructure Facility, at the University of Wollongong, has prepared a Green Paper entitled “Infrastructure Imperatives for Australia”. The paper aims to set out a way forward for planning, provision and investment in the future infrastructure needs of Australia and addresses a number of key principles that successive governments have overlooked.

The paper was launched at the start of 2014 and featured in the Australian Financial Review. It has attracted national attention to the leadership of SMART in the long term planning and infrastructure issues for Australia. The development of the paper also benefited from the International Symposium for Next Generation Infrastructure which brought together experts from the global infrastructure community by SMART Infrastructure Facility late last year. This Green Paper and the associated recommendations endeavour to capture the challenges and opportunities identified to ensure a better infrastructure future for our country.

By the end of this century Australia will be home to approximately 70 million residents and long term planning and strategic thinking is needed now to meet this future demand.

SMART invites your feedback on the three infrastructure imperatives identified, and the associated recommendations:

• Establish an Australian Infrastructure Market (AIM)
• Enhance Attractiveness of Infrastructure Private Funding
• Overhaul Infrastructure for Radical Innovation and Productivity Growth.

It is hoped that this paper will contribute to the public discussion on infrastructure and ensure that we are well placed to meet the opportunities that the Asian Century presents.

Click on the title “Infrastructure Imperatives for Australia” to access a copy of the Green Paper. I encourage you to provide feedback and comment to smartgreenpaper@uow.edu.au and I look forward to continuing this important conversation.

Yours sincerely,

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