

Advancing resilient, inclusive, low-emission infrastructure in Australia

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

We begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today.

We acknowledge their deep connection to land, water and culture, and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.





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# A positive future for people, planet and the economy

### **Our Purpose**

Ensuring all infrastructure delivers cultural, social, environmental and economic benefits **OUR STRATEGY** 

Embed sustainability into Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand infrastructure decision-making by:

Inspiring the infrastructure sector to be energised, skilled and connected

> Building and maintaining tools that make it easy to compare and improve sustainability performance

Creating positive pressure for sustainable infrastructure to be 'the norm'



#### Net zero is both an immense challenge and a once-in-a-generation, globally significant and nation-building opportunity



Renewables will produce most or all domestic energy by 2050



More productive use of energy can keep domestic demand about the same, despite population growth



Carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) can play an important role, complementing renewables



Unprecedented capital investment is needed, which will produce significant benefits



Domestic energy's share of GDP need not rise above today's level, while being less prone to price shocks



Clean energy can replace our fossil fuel exports



The cost to export clean energy may rise, but should be competitive in a decarbonising global economy



A large workforce with new skills will grow across the nation, particularly in northern Australia



Emissions from farms, forestry and waste should fall, but are unlikely to reach net zero



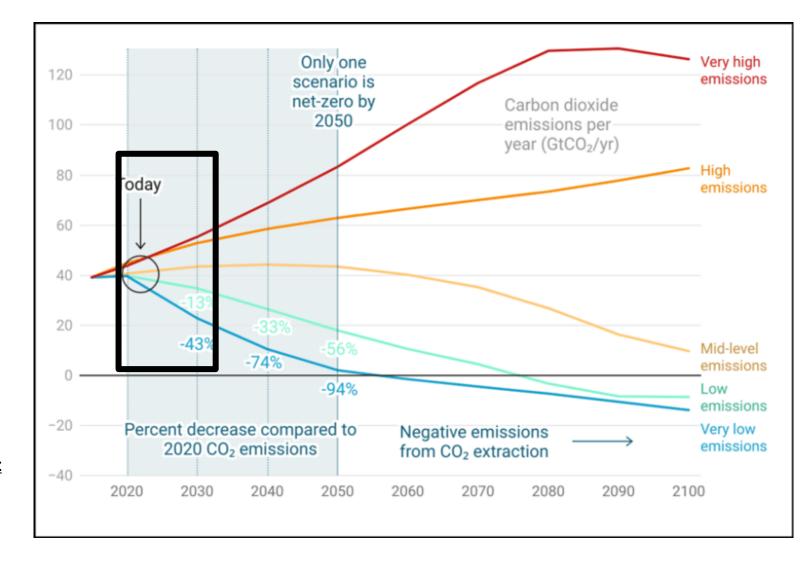
Large changes in land and sea use will occur, and will need careful planning and community engagement

## Dynamic, agile system change in 8 years

Climate action involves a duty to communities, the workforce, the environment, and the economy.

Climate action:

- accelerates systemic <u>decarbonisation</u>
- increases <u>resilience and adaptive</u> <u>capacity</u>
- creates <u>economic opportunity</u> through circular economy, innovation and research
- delivers long-term value and impact reinforcing <u>sustainable finance and</u> <u>investment</u>
- prepares and partners with the <u>infrastructure workforces for a just</u> <u>transition</u>; and
- protects and <u>regenerate natural</u> <u>ecosystems and landscapes</u>



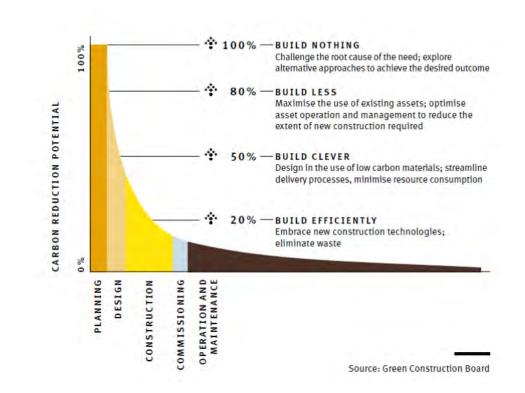


### **Net Zero**

A shared responsibility to make more intentional, strategic decisions

### 70% of AU emissions: enabled by infrastructure

6% embodied in materials and construction of infrastructure assets 9% from ongoing operation of infrastructure assets 55% from activities enabled by infrastructure assets





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BRUTUREEARTH

### What is a Thriving Nation

Thriving nations are built by people, for people. They are the progressive, purposeful, egalitarian, entrepreneurial countries in which the life opportunities of all citizens are enabled and the natural system are respected. They are the countries whose present day communities are making the conscious choice to be 'good ancestors' for future generations.



### **Thriving Nations**

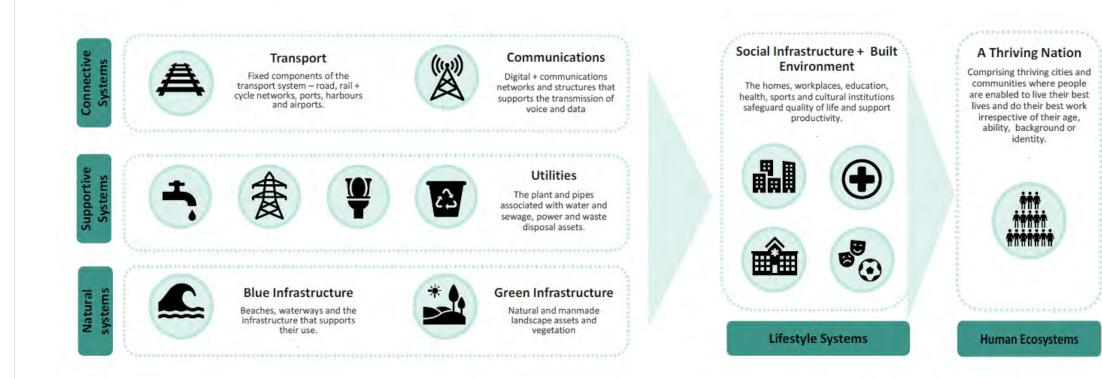


A Thriving Nation will foster inclusive growth by ensuring that now and in the future our whole community can live in dignity and is enabled by:

- » Fresh water that does not deplete resources
- \* Green-blue infrastructure that is restorative
- » Reliable energy that does not degrade
- Waste management that is responsible
- Safe, secure, affordable and appropriate homes
- Greater connectivity between and within settlements for people and goods
- Roads and tunnels, ports and airports that transcend functionality
- Digital platforms that adequately serve needs.

### Infrastructure enables people to thrive

### Infrastructure for people by people



A whole of life approach which embeds long-term outcomes into planning, delivery and operations, ensuring all infrastructure delivers social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits







**Embedding Legacy** 

**Building Capability** 

**Climate Action** 

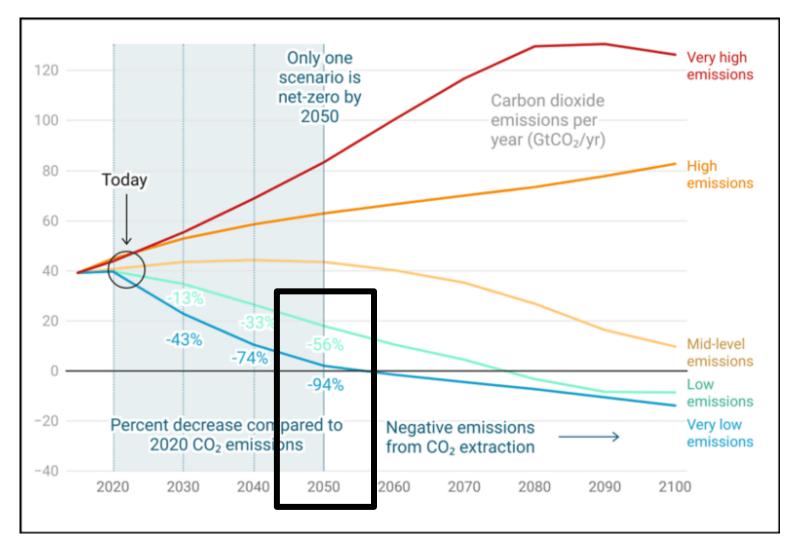
Consistent approach to infrastructure sustainability

Industry capability as a global leader

United, effective and productive transition

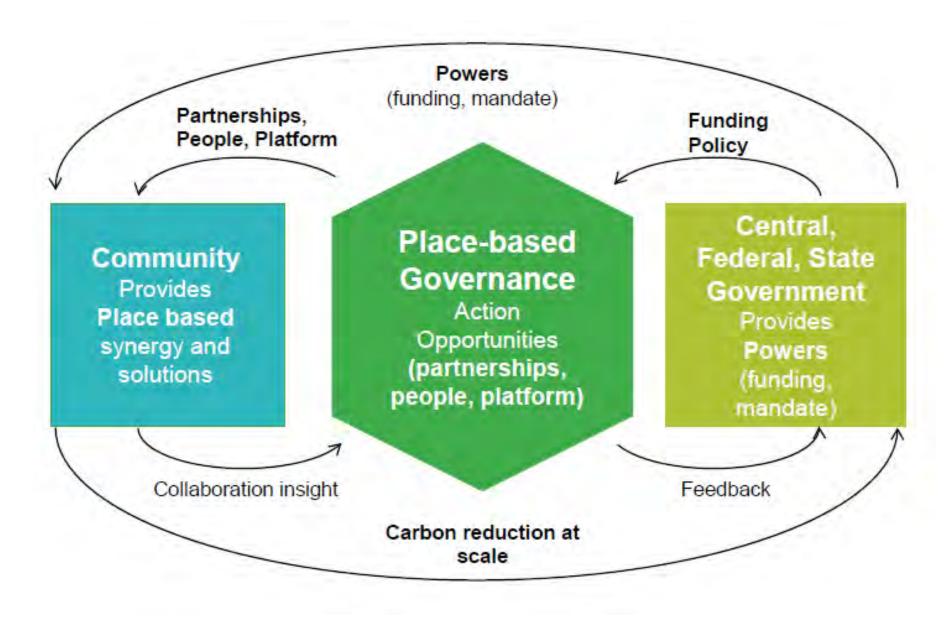
Enhanced assurance and transparency

## Dynamic, agile system change in 8 years





Source: IPCC [2021]



Place Based Approaches to Net Zero, 2022, Mott MacDonald

### Leadership | Capability | Commitment

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Driving

Drivers which maximise cultural, social, environmental and economic benefits

### Ensuring all infrastructure delivers environmental, social, economic and cultural benefits

The ISC has created a systemic approach to delivering sustainable outcomes in the infrastructure sector.

This involves three key levels of work for maximum impact:

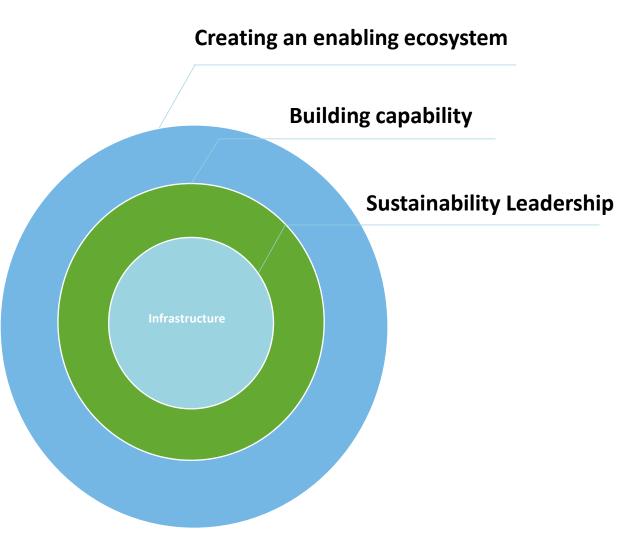
- **1. Sustainability Leadership** Defining and driving leading sustainability outcomes through the IS Rating Scheme across lifecycle and supply chain.
- 2. Building capability engagement and capability building with workforce, supply chain and systems to accelerate through learning curve in order to scale and deliver greater value.
- **3.** Creating an enabling ecosystem –creating alignment of strategy, policy, planning; staying ahead of emerging risks and opportunities through research and policy; and collaborating to address common and macro-opportunities and challenges.

Successful implementation and alignment across all three levels achieves a reduction in barriers to change and impact; along with accretive returns in value for all stakeholders.

This scoping report, particularly focuses how sustainably leadership, through the IS Rating Scheme could be structure and deployed through Defence Estates, with preliminary scoping for relevant and material opportunities for other two areas enabling areas of work.

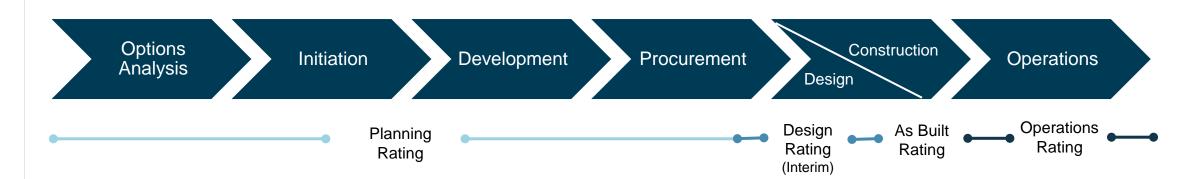


Also integrated into the approach is scope for mutual capability building in order to set both organisations for the best success in engaging with each other.



## Whole of Life Consideration

Whole of life consideration



Infrastructure

Sustainability Rating Scheme







### **Quadruple Bottom Line Metrics**

IS Rating Scheme: Measure what matters



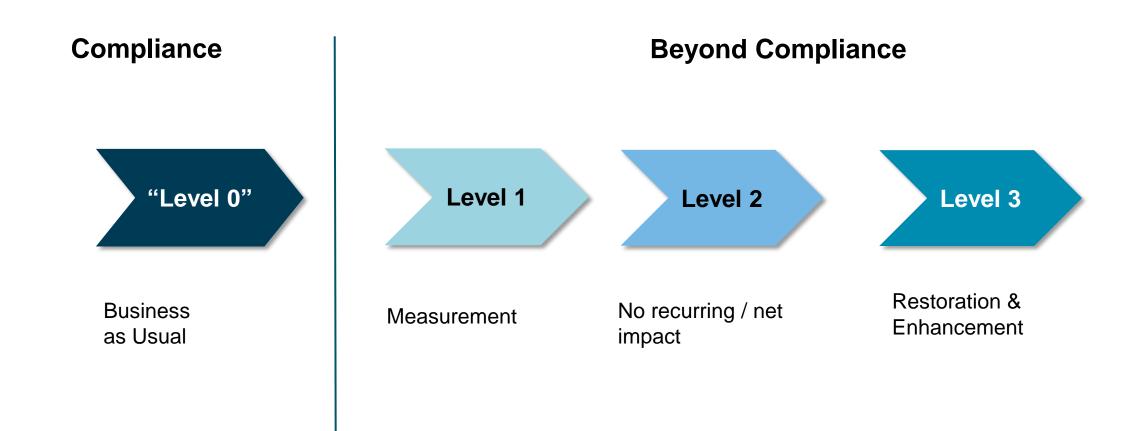
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Place	Energy & Carbon	Stakeholder engagement	Options Assessment & Business Case
Leadership & Management	Environmental Impacts	Legacy	Benefits Realisation
Sustainable Procurement	Resource Efficiency	Heritage	
Resilience	Water	Workforce Sustainability	
Innovation	Ecology		





### **The IS Rating Scheme**

**Driving best practice** 





### **IS Essentials**



IS Essentials is the rating tool for infrastructure projects with capital values between \$5m and below \$100m

**Target customers:** Local Government, Infrastructure Proponents/Procurers

**Problem statement:** Providing sustainability performance assurance for projects under \$100m that is accessible, scalable and cost-effective.

Value proposition: Improve the social, cultural, environmental and economic outcomes of all infrastructure projects using an established and recognised framework.



### **Embodied Carbon Calculator**

Percentage of Australian, state and territory government infrastructure strategies adopting common climate scenarios

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Target: 100%
 Timeframe: 5-10 years

Target: 100%
Timeframe: 10-15 years

Environment National climate adaptation scenarios

## **Innovation Challenge**

### Contributing to a Circular Economy – Rewarding innovation through the IS Rating Scheme

The design and implementation of the Innovation Challenge is aimed to encourage projects, assets, and organisations to increase the use of recycled content beyond existing business as usual levels. The data collected will be evaluated to understand the challenge, opportunities and capabilities of the industry.

Used as a feedback mechanise to understand the industry, and shape future national policy.

The materials measured in the challenge: Asphalt, Bitumen, Concrete, Aggregate, Piping, Timber and Permanent fencing etc, are aligned with materials identified in the National Waste Action Plan and present an opportunity in the industry. They are explored further in other partnership deliverables.

Four components to the Challenge

- 1) Develop a Baseline
- Increase the use of recycled materials beyond business as usual levels
- 3) Responsible resource output management
- 4) Material Circularity Indicator

Criteria						
Up to 5 Inno	vation Points av	vailable				
Benchmark	MANDATORY					
	Develop a baseline dataset on the use of recycled/ reused materials, as well as materials containing recycled content AND Up to 3 points can be awarded for the use of recycled materials beyond business-as- usual levels					
	OPTIONAL Up to 1 point can be awarded for demonstrating the responsible management of resource outputs AND/OR 0.25 points awarded for using a material or product with a Material Circularity Indicator (MCI) AND/OR 0.75 point awarded for assisting a supplier with developing a Material Circularity Indicator.					
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### **Global Leadership**

The most comprehensive and rigorous assessment process



Link to paper

Figure 7: Assessment Verification Requirements and Result Aggregation



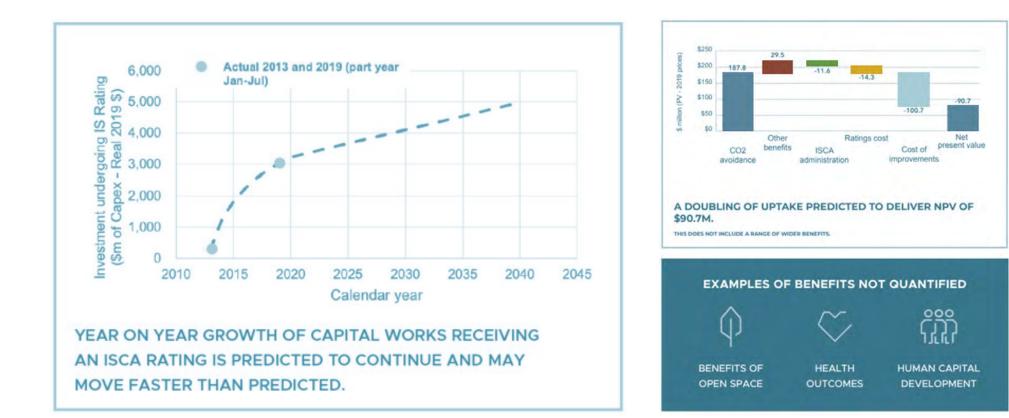
"the most comprehensive and rigorous assessment process"

*"public procurement practices are a key success factor"* highlighting the global leadership across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand

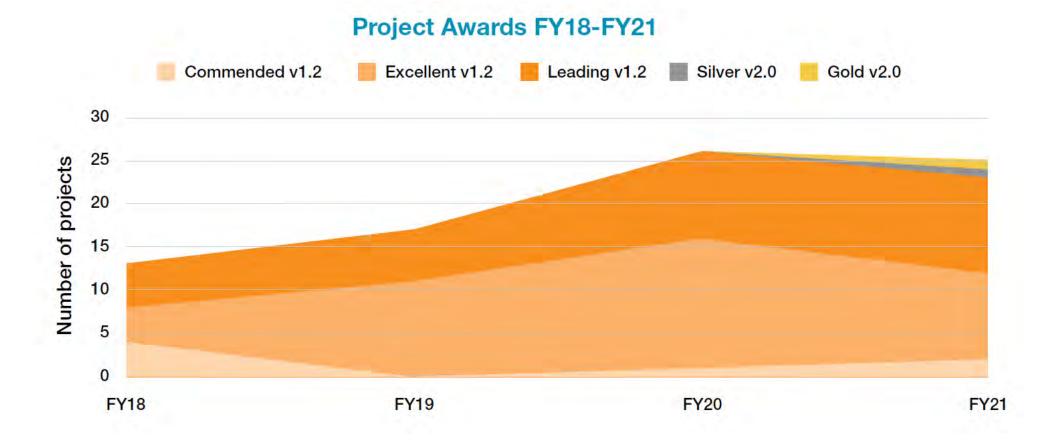


## **Sustainable infrastructure ROI**

As part of a study undertaken by RPS in 2020 it was determined that there is a return on investment of at least \$1.60 and possibly as high as \$2.40 for every dollar spent. This is likely to be a conservative assessment as it does not include a range of wider benefits that are more difficult to quantify.



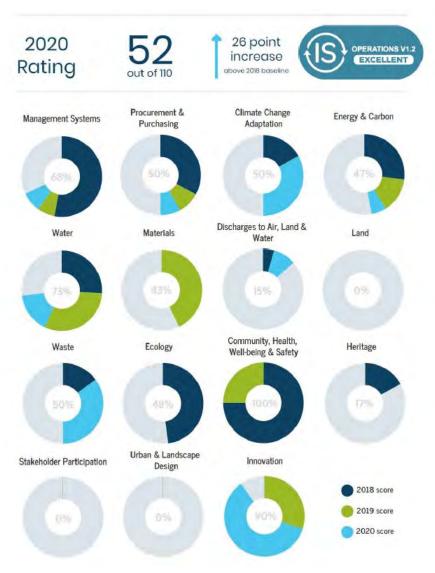
## Scaling performance throughout industry





### **Operations Rating – Outcomes example**

Actual outcomes achieved on a three years IS Operations Rating for a rail asset.



### COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE

### IMPACT

### Our 2021 Impact Report highlights the value creation of IS ratings.





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## **Existing Members**

More than 200 organisations committed to accelerating sustainability through collaboration and contribution

### **Delivery Agency**



### **Government, Policy & Regulation**



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Contractors



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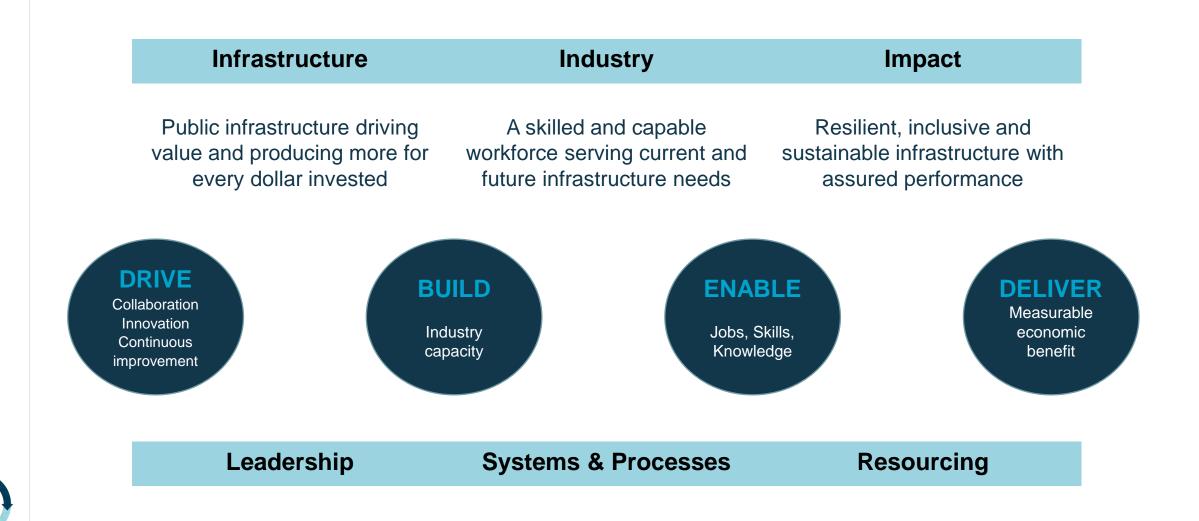
### Suppliers



## Policy | Planning | Procurement | Investment

Proposed approaches to wider public benefit through infrastructure planning, delivery and operations

## **Driving positive outcomes and impact**



## **ANZ Sustainability Leadership on the rise**

Levers deployed across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand



### **ANZ Traction and Mandating**

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Location	Agency	Mandating thresholds / requirements
NSW	Dept of Planning and Environment	ALL state critical infrastructure
	Transport for NSW	ALL projects >\$50m, High risk projects <\$50m
	Sydney Metro	ALL project in program
	Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council	ALL projects >\$2m
QLD	State Infrastructure Plan	ALL projects >\$50m
	Transport and Main Roads	ALL projects >\$100m
	Dept State Development, Infrastructure Local Government and Planning	Stage 3: Detailed Business Case
	Olympics	Economic Infrastructure for the Olympics
WA	Main Roads WA	ALL projects >\$100m
	Office of Major Transport Infrastructure Delivery	Metronet program
ACT	State policy	ALL project > 10m
SA	Dept of Infrastructure and Transport	ALL projects >\$100m
VIC	Major Roads Projects Victoria	ALL projects >\$100m
	Office of Projects Victoria (Sustainable Investment Guidelines)	High Value, High Risk
	Level Crossings Removal Authority	ALL projects in program
	Rail Projects Victoria	ALL projects in Melbourne Metro program
	City of Casey	Capital works projects
AU	Transurban	All capital works projects >\$100m
NZ	Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency	All capital works projects >\$15m
	City Rail Link Ltd	ALL projects in program

## **Sustainability and Impact Finance**

### NSW Sustainability Bond Programme

#### Spotlight: The sustainability achievements of the Transport Access Program

#### Infrastructure Sustainability Council (IS Council) highlights

Transport for NSW takes a broad approach to delivering sustainability through the Transport Access Program (Tranche 3) - which primarily aims to improve access to public transport for those with a disability, limited mobility, or parents with prams. Upgrades to Waratah Station at Newcastle and Wyee Station at Lake Macquarie were completed in the second half of 2020 and jointly received a 'Leading' Infrastructure Sustainability (IS) As Built rating awarded by the IS Council,

The 'Leading' rating reflects verification of a broad range of sustainability achievements through design and construction. The key achievements across these 2 stations include:

- A 31% reduction in energy usage, achieved through the specification of high efficiency cooling systems for station equipment and service rooms. This equates to a saving of 14,059 GJ over the life of the project.
- A 43% (or 23.5 mega litre) reduction in water footprint over the project's lifecycle through water efficient design. This was achieved through usage of high efficiency fixtures and fittings and avoiding landscape irrigation through drought resilient native plantings.
- A 9% reduction in materials footprint, equating to a saving of 774 tCO2-e (Scope 3 emissions). Materials reduction initiatives were achieved through design refinements and use of recycled material.
- Over 50% more trees planted than the project offset requirements.
- · Creating a sense of place that celebrates the locality through installation of community artwork on the station building at Waratah Station (see right).







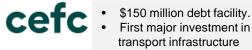
Artwork at Waratah Station. The mural, titled 'Surround' was painted by local artists and pays homage to the graffiti history of the area and transport culture.





The SPTs align to four metrics, with an Infrastructure Sustainability Council ('ISC') Operations Rating score as the cornerstone target. ISC is Australia's leading infrastructure sustainability body, and an Operations Rating will assist Reliance Rail to focus its sustainability efforts.





First major investment in low-emission transport infrastructure



## Training

### ISC Internal Training package – Contributing to a Circular Economy Innovation Challenge

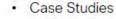
ISC Internal Training department created a tailored training package for the Contributing to a Circular Economy Innovation Challenge .The training package was designed to support the pilot partners.

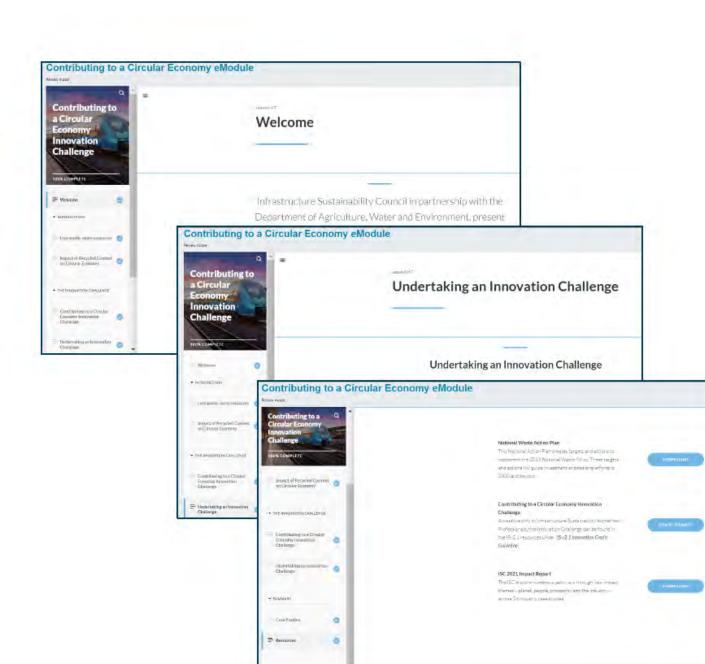
The course presents examples of Infrastructure contributing towards a Circular Economy, explore the National Waste Policy, and introduce the Innovation Challenge, Contributing to a Circular Economy, created in partnership with the Department of Agriculture Water and Environment.

#### Content:

#### INTRODUCTION

- · Less waste, more resources
- Impact of recycled content on circular economy THE INNOVATION CHALLENGE
- Undertaking an Innovation Challenge
- Contributing to a Circular Economy Innovation Challenge SUMMARY
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## **Industry Data Report**

## Snapshot of the Business-as-usual levels of recycled content used in Industry

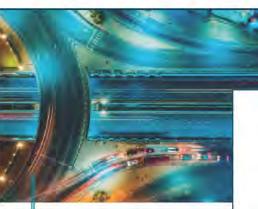
The key report deliverable was completed and delivered on 30 June.

This report provided a comprehensive examination of recycled content use in the Infrastructure industry. Utilising ISC Project databases including technical support and advice from LCA specialist.

Feedback capture from the recruitment of pilot partners was also included.

#### Industry Data Report

- Background and context
- Qualitative feedback from recruitment of challenges of recycled content use
- Methodology
- · Quantitative BAU levels of recycled content use in industry
- · Interpretation of data
- · Barriers, opportunities and recommendations



#### DAWE and ISC

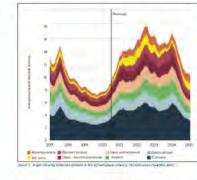
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- June 2022

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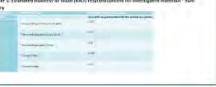
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## **ISupply Directory**

Driving sustainable procurement practices













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NZ grade

cement.

Underground pits made fro PACT Reuse (formerly Viscount Rotatic

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Hatelit Asphalt Reinforcement Grid

Cirtex Optimise - Engineering Design Services

layers and distributes them over a larger area. Credits: Ene-1, Ene-2, Mat-1, Pro-1, Pro-2, Pro-3, Rso-1, Rso-4, Rso-6

HaTelit C asphalt reinforcement adopts the high stresses developing at the crack tips in the lower pavement

Cirtex Optimise is our team of industry professionals dedicated to optimising the use of resources on your



for more than 30 years with rotational ; Credits: Dis-1, Env-2, Inn-1, Inn-1, Man-1, Mat



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Golden Bay Cement's Portland Manufa

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Emesh recycled fibre reinforcement rec parks, drains, precast products and traf Credits: Mat-1 Mat-2 Pro-2 Pro-3 Pro-4 Ps

Holcim Ready-mix Concrete

**Golden Bay Cement** 

Credits: Mat-1, Mat-2, Rso-6, Rso-7

Emesh





Holcim Australia is a leading supplier of construction materials in Australia, originally serving the industry under the well-known Readymix and Humes brands dating back to ... Credits: Ic-2, Ic-5, Mat-1, Mat-2, Rso-6, Rso-7





**GripPhalt**<sup>™</sup>

Not only is GripPhalt<sup>™</sup> a good choice for the environment because of its high percentage of recycled and renewable material, its superior skid resistant properties ... Credits: , Mat-1, Pro-3, Rso-6, Spr-1

#### **PlastiPhalt®**

PlastiPhalt® is an innovative, environmentally-friendly asphalt pavement containing recycled waste plastic. Unlike other asphalts modified with recycled plastics. PlastiPhalt® uses specially selected polymers which are ... Credits: Mat-1, Pro-2, Rso-1, Rso-6, Spr-1

#### EZ Street Bioblends®

EZ Street Bioblends® is a premium, polymer modified cold asphalt, for the permanent repair of pot holes, utility trenches, edge repairs, and is also ideal ... Credits: Ene-1, Ene-1, Mat-1, Rso-6, Spr-1

#### Warm Mix Asphalt

Warm Mix Asphalt is a sustainable alternative to traditional Hot Mix Asphalt. Traditionally, asphalt is produced at temperatures around 160-180°C to optimise the coating of ... Credits: Dis-1., Ene-1, Ene-1, Env-1, Mat-1, Pro-1, Rso-6, Spr-1, Wat-1, Wat-1

## **Case Studies**



## Christchurch City Council

In May 2019 Christchurch City Council declared a Climate Emergency and updated their procurement policy to include sustainability as a priority, a similar and necessary approach taken by world leading local governments.

Their next bold move, the first of its kind across Australia and New Zealand, was to sign an Memorandum of Understanding to use the ISC's tools to measure, monitor and report on the Council carbon load across its infrastructure asset portfolio.

The MOU sets out a collaborative pathway with Council to begin recording a baseline and consistently measuring progress towards carbon neutrality.





## Sydney Roads Asset Performance Contracts

- Forward-thinking, innovative with a strong focus on the customer and a set of objectives that help deliver economic growth and sustainability.
- The contracts use the IS Rating framework to be consistent with the UN Sustainable Development Goals
- This will make best use of available resources and assets, and ensure a resilient transport system that contributes to the NSW Government's objective of net-zero emissions by 2050.

With 3-year rolling IS Operations ratings, continuous improvement will occur across the quadruple bottom line – achieving more from the existing asset network.



### Planning Rating – The Bunbury Outer Ring Road project

Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) is a 27 kilometre section of highway that will connect Forrest Highway to Bussell Highway in Western Australia's south west region.

- First project registered for an ISv2.0 Planning rating.
- The Project Team targeted a Bronze rating but delivered a Silver Planning rating
- The team went beyond a business-as-usual approach to implement sustainable initiatives

#### **Energy and Carbon**

**Lesson 1:** The highest emission contributor was from vehicles using the asset during operations. Limited actions from an infrastructure design perspective to achieve emission reductions from the vehicles using the built asset.

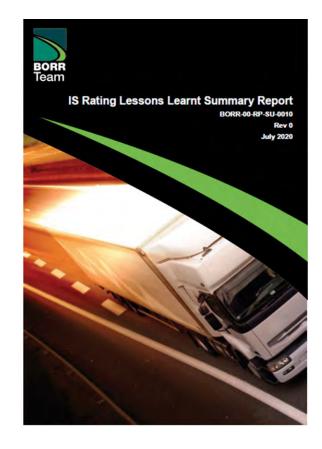
**Lesson 2:** Project street lighting was estimated to contribute 50% of operation and maintenance emissions (when excluding vehicle use). By investigating opportunities to reduce emissions, significant benefits are anticipated to be realised, including:

- Saving of \$3.5M across the 7 interchanges on the BORR project
- Saving \$35,000/annum operational costs
- Saving 160 tCO2e- per year
- Reduced light pollution for residents in close proximity to the road
- Greater emphasis on street lighting at the northern and southern interchanges to improve amenity and address community concerns.

#### **Resources Credits**

**Lesson 1:** The resource efficiency workshop and development of a Resource Efficiency Strategy proved useful in identifying project specific targets and opportunities for the design, construction and operation phases.

**Lesson 2:** Assessing materials against embodied greenhouse gas emissions, rather than by volume or cost, challenged designers to consider opportunities to reduce net impacts.



COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE

### Design and As-Built Rating – Regency Rd to Pym St

The project comprises an at-grade motorway from the existing motorway infrastructure to the north (South Road Superway); an overpass of the motorway over Regency Road; and an at-grade motorway from Regency Road to Pym Street, transitioning to the lowered motorway infrastructure (Torrens Road to River Torrens Project)

Balancing the need for an efficient freight and transport corridor, while creating and maintaining a connected, accessible, green, liveable and desirable public realm providing ongoing benefits to users and the wider community for years to come

#### Outcomes

- Development of EPD (Downer) / promote EPD products
- 30% recycled aggregate in kerbs
- Maximising SCMs in concrete
- 100% recycled asphalt in carpark / soft plastics in asphalt
- Support apprentices / trainees
- Workforce- and local industry participation targets
- Enforcement of waste hierarchy
- Replace diesel with hard-wired connection
- Lower wattage operational lighting
- GreenPower
- Increased spoil movement efficiency
- Pavement material reduction reduced fuel use
- Reduced Portland Cement content structural (20% to ~30% SCMs)
- Regency bridge: 22% ↓ CO2-e
- Retain existing pavement
- Match design life of pavement tie ins
- Increased RAP (30%, up from 20%)
- Reconophalt (soft plastics)



### COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE

### Metro Trains Melbourne

Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM) have committed to measuring sustainability performance annually using the 'IS' Operations rating scheme.

MTM completed an initial operations rating under the 'IS' scheme in 2018, forming the baseline for continuous improvement. In 2019 they achieved a 44 percent improvement from the baseline and were awarded a 'Commended' IS Operations Rating.



https://www.metrotrains.com.au/wpcontent/uploads/2019/12/MET8780-MTM-Corporate-Responsibility-Sustainability-Statement-2019-FA-WEB-8MB-1.pdf

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