

SACOME welcomes Infrastructure Australia Priority List inclusion of major South Australian Projects

SACOME welcomes the inclusion of major South Australian projects on the Infrastructure Australia Priority List 2021.

The inclusion of South Australian Road Network Maintenance High Priority Initiative and the Northern South Australia Productive Water Security Initiative aligns with SACOME's advocacy efforts, demonstrating that the South Australian Government and Infrastructure SA have listened to the needs of the South Australian resources sector in making their submission to the Infrastructure Australia Priority List 2021.

The inclusion of the Northern South Australia Productive Water Security initiative strongly supported by SACOME and reflects ongoing discussions with Infrastructure SA and the South Australian Government about unlocking our State's mineral wealth while reducing reliance on groundwater in the Gawler Craton.

The inclusion of this initiative on the Infrastructure Australia Priority List reflects the South Australian Government's strategic approach to state economic development in pursuit of its Growth State targets.

SACOME has repeatedly called for increases to road maintenance funding for important regional freight routes, recognising that these roads are critical to South Australian economy. The announcement of \$100m of funding to begin work on regional roads like the Augusta, Sturt and Eyre Highways is welcomed.

SACOME also recognises that this initiative is now linked with the National Road Maintenance Strategy, which is separately included on the Infrastructure Priority List and identifies road maintenance issues for national, state and local roads across Australia. This commitment to resolving the road maintenance backlog by State and Commonwealth Governments is strongly supported.

Rebecca Knol, CEO said "The inclusion of these initiatives on the Infrastructure Australia Priority List shows the willingness of the South Australian Government and Infrastructure Australia to work collaboratively with the resources sector in resolving impediments to economic growth".

"The creation of Infrastructure SA has allowed for strategic consideration of South Australia's infrastructure requirements, with this focus translating to a significant increase in Infrastructure Australia Priority List initiatives."

“SACOME commends the South Australian Government and Infrastructure SA for its consultation with the resources sector in determining these infrastructure priorities.”

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The South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy is the peak industry association representing companies with interests and connections to the South Australian resources and energy sector.