

Regulated Super Highways to Fast Track Investment

The South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) calls for bipartisan commitment for full implementation of the Resources Infrastructure Corridors initiative to catalyse resources project development in South Australia and as an investment attraction measure for the State.

In early 2020 SACOME called for development of an 'Economic Heatmap' to quantify the value of South Australia's resources provinces and prioritise their economic development.

Dovetailing with this Economic Heatmap was the SACOME-driven proposal for a Resources Infrastructure Corridor initiative, the idea being that multi-use infrastructure corridors leading to economic 'hot' zones could fast track investment and project development in South Australia.

SACOME continues to advocate for measures that resolve long-standing roadblocks to resources project development in South Australia and enable greater levels of investment and economic growth.

"South Australia has enormous resources wealth but without a path to market, this economic potential remains unrealised" says SACOME CEO Rebecca Knol.

The government recognised the economic potential of the Infrastructure Corridors concept, funding preliminary scoping and business case development in 2021-22 State Budget, with this work being progressed at pace by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

"Infrastructure corridors can provide a powerful incentive to invest in South Australia and give the State a competitive advantage in the contest for global capital"

"South Australia has an abundance of untapped mineral wealth that is far removed from the infrastructure that provides a path to market."

The regulatory, time and cost burden associated with approvals and land access for resource sector projects remains a drag on project development timeframes and this initiative seeks to deploy government's regulatory toolkit in a way that creates an expedited and de-risked pathway for infrastructure development.

It's not about government building the infrastructure.

It is about smoothing the way.

"We must do this smarter, not harder, to distinguish ourselves at an international level."

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“South Australia needs to maintain the momentum after the election. Whichever party takes government, it must recognise that this valuable work is significantly advanced”.

SACOME calls for all political parties to recognise the value of this work and commit to its completion.

View SACOME’s Opinion Piece on the Resources Infrastructure Corridor Initiative [here](#).

SACOME’s Resources Sector 2022 Pre-Election Priorities document is available [here](#).

View SACOME’s Resources Sector 2022 Election dedicated webpage [here](#).

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About SACOME

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.

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