

## Deputy Chair's Update

### ***Capacity conundrum – We will be ready, just tell us when.***

While we await the outcome of the Federal Government's 90-Day Infrastructure Review, the Queensland infrastructure industry sits waiting for the expected uptick of procurement activity.

As the always hectic final quarter of the Calendar year looms, the industry adjusts its forward pipeline, maintaining a constant state of readiness as projects are expected to come to market soon. However, we are conscious that things change and must be ready to pivot.

In the case of government-backed transport infrastructure, the industry is ready, teams have formed and early work on innovative solutions and methods to achieve optimal value for money continues. We are primed and like the Matildas running onto Accor stadium, we're ready to play. But the expected release dates come and go.

There is a question that, as an industry, we may not have the capacity to deal with what is coming. But in my view, nothing could be further from the truth. Will we need to hustle to attract and recruit people? Yes. But with projects in other states being moved around, our warm weather and enduring post-COVID glow, there has never been a better time for businesses to entice skilled and unskilled workers to the Sunshine State.

And entice them we will. Big, career-building projects have been promised to the industry and we will heed the call. Our people want to work on these projects and make them a success. By 2032, our CVs will boast some of the most sustainable, sizable and internationally recognisable projects.

All that is left to happen now – and all we ask - is to be kept informed. As I tell anyone who will listen (and some who won't), we can be ready for anything, we just need to know what it is and when it's coming.

An informed industry will repay you with strong, competitive offers that ooze value for money on multiple levels, engage locally and give back to communities, and strive to create positive working environments that continue to attract many, many more loyal constituents over the next decade and beyond.

We will be ready, just tell us when.

Kind regards,

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