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MAJOR REPORT CALLS ON *INFRASTRUCTURE NSW* TO RECAPTURE BRADFIELD'S VISION

A major report released by [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](http://www.infrastructure.org.au) has called for the forthcoming *Infrastructure NSW* strategy to provide a detailed, ambitious and long-term vision that protects land corridors, prioritises the right projects and maps out a pathway for sustainable growth.

"*Infrastructure NSW* must recapture the ambition of John Bradfield's master plan of the 1920s and the discipline that saw the 1951 County of Cumberland Scheme protect corridors for Sydney's contemporary road network," said Brendan Lyon, Chief Executive of IPA.

"The Cumberland Scheme protected corridors for Sydney's major motorways, some of which remain undelivered 60 years on. These plans reshaped Sydney and put in place the backbone of every subsequent government's infrastructure plans through to the present day.

"Now, with most of the Cumberland Scheme delivered, we need again to look over the horizon and deliver a real and ambitious plan that reshapes the State over the next 50 years.

"If *Infrastructure NSW* gets its plan right, it will be remembered long after the individual projects that it recommends have faded in significance.

"*Infrastructure NSW* will look at projects for the next 20 years, but it must look longer-term in protecting land for potential projects, like High Speed Rail, future motorway corridors like the M9 and metro-style mass transit in Sydney and beyond.

"The land use decisions we make today will either close or open opportunities for future generations.

"We know that by 2050, Sydney will house more than 7.5 million people.

"That sort of growth demands a real and long-term plan that sets aside the future corridors and puts in place a logical sequence of projects to support that growth.

"The *Infrastructure NSW* strategy needs to resolve complex issues like the location, timing and sequence of rail, future water sources, electricity generation sites and the location of hospitals and universities.

"If the strategy protects land needed for future projects, then *Infrastructure NSW* will leave a positive legacy for the State's future growth and development.

"Over the past decade, NSW has suffered because of a lack of long-term planning and the result has been a regrettable lack of progress on getting the State's infrastructure right.

"*Infrastructure NSW's* strategy is the best opportunity that NSW has to recapture the ambition of Bradfield and the discipline of the Cumberland Scheme and put in place the right strategy for the next 50 years."

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