

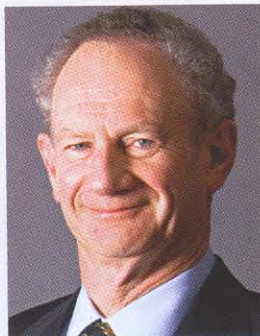
HOW WILL Infrastructure Australia affect you?

Infrastructure Australia looks set to have an enormous impact on the property industry. **Laura Fay** speaks to some industry experts to find out how they think their businesses will be affected by the initiative.

WAL KING,

**Chief executive officer
Leighton Holdings**

"In Australia, the change of Federal Government has generally positive implications for the Leighton Group's major markets. Firstly, as the new administration implements its election commitments and, secondly, as it suggests greater co-operation with the states on key economic and social infrastructure ... It's good to see the new Rudd Labor Government has promised to tackle this problem (the infrastructure backlog) with the appointment of the first Federal Minister for Infrastructure ... The challenge is now for the Federal and State Labor Governments to work more closely to deliver infrastructure critical to sustain Australia's growth."



JASON LITTLE

**National director
Goodman International**

"Infrastructure is the cornerstone of our business. All sites we seek to have in our portfolio are determined by infrastructure, whether that's road, rail or port, because of the logistics nature of our business. So any changes to infrastructure have a big impact on our business."



JOHN WYNNE

**Director – Sydney
Urbis**

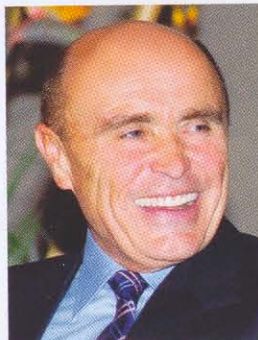
"The passing of the Infrastructure Australia legislation is very welcome news. On a variety of fronts the urban development agenda in NSW in particular has been caught in a time-warp, due ostensibly to infrastructure bottlenecks and inertia. It is therefore with considerable anticipation that we look toward the Infrastructure Australia Council to provide fearless leadership and a clear roadmap for strategic public infrastructure provision."



PAUL LITTLE

**Managing director
Toll Holdings**

"The productivity improvements that flow from good infrastructure decisions are pivotal for the Australian economy and, by reducing carbon emissions [it is] good for our environment. Historically, decisions about vital infrastructure [is] in the hands of three levels of government, a range of independent government authorities and the full gamut of private operators. Infrastructure Australia is a genuine effort to bring together a small group of experts from across the country to audit and assess projects on a national basis. We don't underestimate the challenges, but if Infrastructure Australia can get it right, the whole nation will benefit."



SEAN MCMAHON

**Executive general manager, commercial and industrial division
Australand**

"We generally welcome the initiative and we look forward to participating in any work required going forward. We consider it to be a major issue emerging for the commercial and industrial market in the future."



KEITH HAMPSON

**Chief executive officer
Cooperative Research Centre for Construction
Innovation.**

"Infrastructure Australia will develop a new, national approach to planning, funding and implementing the nation's infrastructure needs. As a civil engineer and project manager who has worked in Australia and overseas, and a committed educator and researcher in the property, design, construction and facilities management industry, I welcome the opportunity this approach presents."



ROBERT THOMAS

**Chief executive officer
Greyhound Australia**

"As the national coach company Greyhound Australia travels to 1100 destinations daily, which gives us a unique insight into the country's infrastructure needs ... Greyhound believes Australia needs to be smarter when investing in road infrastructure. By strategically eliminating traffic bottlenecks in towns and cities, traffic will flow more smoothly and therefore reduce carbon emissions. We will support any strategy that improves the nation's infrastructure..." 金

