



**Australian Government**  
**Infrastructure Australia**

# National Infrastructure Reform

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# Context – the ‘cargo cult’

- co-operative reform model
- productivity challenges





# The Magic Pudding





# Projects

- 1000 projects
- Total Value:
  - Several hundred billions of dollars





# The Infrastructure Australia Process

- National Top Down reform
  - Ports
  - Freight
  - Urban Policy
  - Urban Rail





# Cost Benefit Analysis

- Strengthen the approach and apply to more decisions involving taxpayers' money
- Place cost benefit analysis firmly in the decision making process
- But CBA is a guide to improvement
  - not an absolute hurdle where the economist is referee



**Alice: would you tell me which way I ought to go from here?**

**Cheshire Cat: that depends on where you want to get to.**

**Alice: I don't much care where.**

**Cat: then it doesn't matter which way you go.**

