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Next Steps

The *Australian Infrastructure Audit* is only the first step in our policy process to identify nationally significant reform and investment priorities to address the future needs of Australians. Over coming years, the Audit will inform the development of the *Australian Infrastructure Plan*, the *Infrastructure Priority List* and the *Australian Infrastructure Plan* progress report.

Our Audit, and its supporting or technical papers, offer a national evidence base that should act as a foundation for a discussion of Australia's current and future infrastructure needs and solutions. The Audit does not address all issues, however places emphasis on some of the most significant challenges and opportunities facing the nation.

We invite policy makers, financiers, infrastructure planners, construction workers and most importantly the people and businesses who use and rely on infrastructure for their daily needs to use the Audit as the basis for a public dialogue on infrastructure and to provide submissions for the development of the *Australian Infrastructure Plan* and *Infrastructure Priority List*.

Alongside this invitation, Infrastructure Australia will work intensively to reach out to communities, all levels of government and industry stakeholders in order to find gaps in our evidence and challenge or extend this report's findings. It is likely that some of our assessments and forecasts will be disputed. Infrastructure Australia welcomes this debate as a way of driving common understanding.





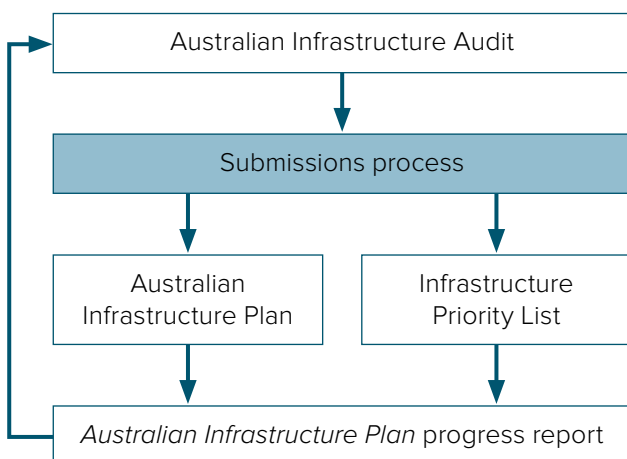


10.1 Our targets and priorities

Your feedback will guide our infrastructure decisions

Completing this Audit was the first step of Infrastructure Australia’s program of work (Figure 1). We will next use the findings to build a package of recommended reform and investment priorities.

Figure 1: The Audit forms the basis of our work program



To set these priorities, we will work intensively for the next three months to engage with governments, community and industry. Your feedback will inform our work in developing two key documents:

- The *Australian Infrastructure Plan* will respond to each policy challenge and opportunity. It will give recommendations for reform and set a path for measuring progress.
- The *Infrastructure Priority List* will continue to evolve with new initiatives added to reflect nationally significant problems and opportunities that have been identified by the Audit. Existing Projects and Initiatives will, where relevant, link to the challenges and opportunities identified by the Audit, and Initiatives may be removed where the Audit findings do not support them.

Once a pathway for reform is set, we will use the *Australian Infrastructure Plan* progress report to track and publicly report on progress. This will inform a new set of challenges and opportunities for the next Audit.

Infrastructure Australia welcomes your input

To help us shape the future, we want to know what you think about this Audit.

For the next three months we will work intensively to engage with governments, community and industry. There will likely be differing views, and there may also be gaps in our evidence. We don't have all the answers, so we need your help to get this right.

To give feedback on our Audit, you can:

- **Make a submission** to tell us what we got right, what we missed, and what responses may be needed – such as policy reform or project investment. When you give this feedback, please respond directly to a relevant challenge or opportunity.
- **Provide new evidence**, if it is available and not reflected in the Audit. Please do this in a submission, or over time as evidence becomes available. Your contribution will ensure our evidence base stays as up to date as possible.

10.2 Your feedback

Anyone can make a submission

We encourage everyone to get involved from governments, industry experts and peak bodies, to academics, community groups and individual Australians. This is your chance to have a say on our infrastructure for the next 15 years and beyond.

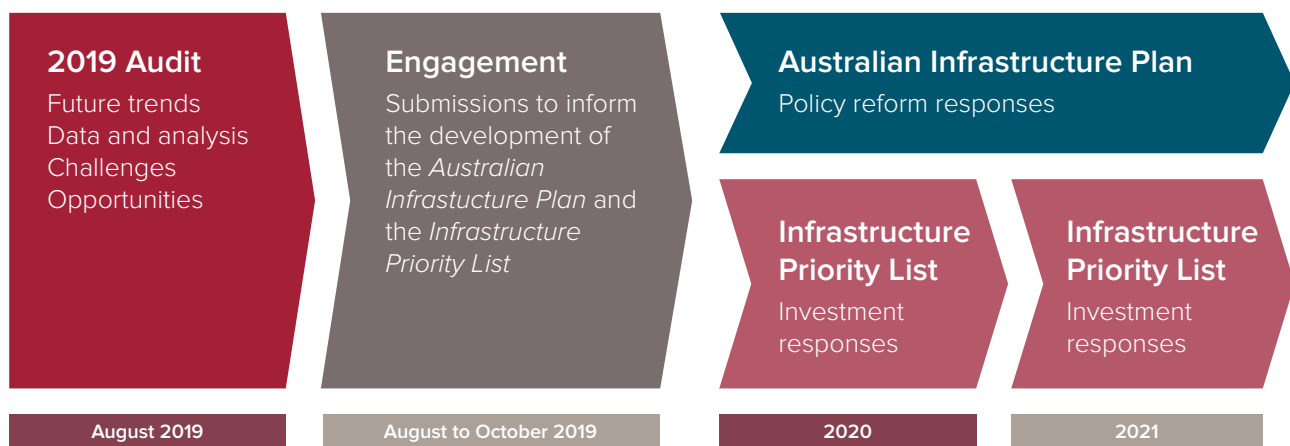
To comment on individual challenges and opportunities, or download a longer template with room for more supporting evidence, visit the Infrastructure Australia website:

www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au

If your submission includes a specific investment proposal, you should provide supporting documents through the separate *Infrastructure Priority List* submissions process, which closes on **31 August 2019** for this round. If you submit after this date, we will consider your submission in early 2021, along with the next *Australian Infrastructure Plan*. Figure 2 provides an overview of the submission process and indicative timings.

Your submission should identify which Audit challenges and opportunities each initiative or project responds to.

Figure 2: We invite submissions to help shape our future advice



Infrastructure Australia is an independent statutory body that is the key source of research and advice for governments, industry and the community on nationally significant infrastructure needs.

It leads reform on key issues including means of financing, delivering and operating infrastructure and how to better plan and utilise infrastructure networks.

Infrastructure Australia has responsibility to strategically audit Australia's nationally significant infrastructure, and develop 15 year rolling infrastructure plans that specify national and state level priorities.

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