

# HOW CONSULTATION HAS SHAPED THE DRAFT 30-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

Throughout 2016, Infrastructure Victoria has consulted widely in the development of the 30-year infrastructure strategy.

Community and stakeholder input has been used in multiple ways throughout the strategy's development - to set the foundations, assess the options and shape the recommendations.

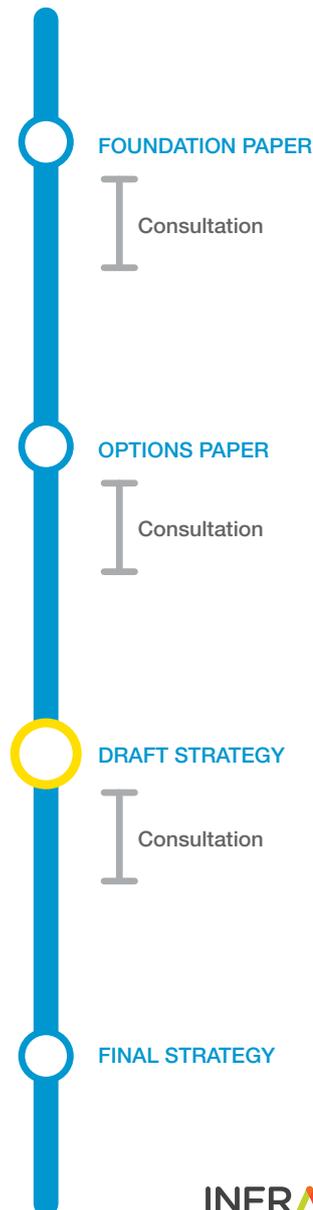
## Engagement snapshot

Since February 2016, Infrastructure Victoria has held two rounds of consultation to develop the 30-year infrastructure strategy. Here is a summary of activities to date:

- 390 formal submissions received
- nearly 1000 survey responses received
- over 43,000 visits to our website, with over 24,000 unique visitors
- two citizen juries were assembled in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria, meeting for six sessions each.

We have also held workshops, roundtables, briefings and interviews with local government, the private sector, peak bodies, community and commercial leaders in regional Victoria, and targeted interviews with leaders in social and environmental organisations.

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## Setting the objectives and needs

In mid-February 2016, Infrastructure Victoria released *Laying the foundations* which presented a draft framework for Victoria's first 30-year infrastructure strategy. Its primary purpose was to facilitate discussion on what the strategy should be aiming to achieve (the 'objectives') and what infrastructure challenges need to be addressed (the 'needs').

During a month long phase of consultation, we received 126 formal submissions, over 500 comments and interactions on [yoursay.infrastructurevictoria.com.au](http://yoursay.infrastructurevictoria.com.au) and 443 surveys responses through an online engagement exercise. In addition, 92 stakeholders attended four workshops in Melbourne and regional Victoria.

The consultation confirmed that the basic approach was right. Infrastructure is an enabler of better social, economic and environmental outcomes and it's important to set goals and identify challenges before coming up with solutions. However, feedback called for a clearer vision for the strategy, a greater focus on integrating land use and infrastructure planning, more positive, proactive objectives, and refinement of the infrastructure needs.

This phase of consultation enabled Infrastructure Victoria to finalise its strategic framework which included the final vision, seven guiding principles, ten objectives and 19 needs.

## Considering options

In April 2016, Infrastructure Victoria released its *All things considered* paper which presented over 200 options to meet Victoria's infrastructure needs. The paper sought to start a conversation with stakeholders and the community about the different ways we could address Victoria's infrastructure challenges now and over the next 30 years.

The consultation attracted strong participation, which was boosted by a print and online advertising campaign to raise awareness of the process.

Infrastructure Victoria received 264 formal submissions and 461 online surveys. To raise awareness of the consultation and discuss the options paper *All things considered*, there were:

- 12 meetings held with local government networks across regional and metropolitan Victoria
- four private sector roundtables held on energy, waste, health, and funding and financing, as well as one cross-sector innovation roundtable
- six one-on-one interviews with five organisations conducted with leaders in the social housing, environment and aged-care industries
- seven meetings/briefings held with multicultural, youth and commercial community leaders in regional Victoria.

A few of the common themes raised throughout consultation included:

- managing population growth
- adequate maintenance and asset management
- gaps in options across sectors, for example people felt there were opportunities to better leverage technology or that there was a lack of visibility of emerging technologies that could change how infrastructure is used
- clarity around the scope of the 30-year infrastructure strategy.

In addition to this broad public consultation, Infrastructure Victoria convened two citizen juries to respond to the question: 'What should we do to meet Victoria's infrastructure needs?' Each jury met for six full day sessions on Saturdays from April to July to build their understanding of the subject. Each jury comprised approximately 40 community members who had been randomly selected and broadly represented the Victorian population.

Infrastructure Victoria has provided detailed responses to every recommendation made by both juries. Our response to these recommendations, as well as more information on how consultation developed the recommendations, is available at [yoursay.infrastructurevictoria.com.au](http://yoursay.infrastructurevictoria.com.au).

## Next steps

Consultation on the draft 30-year infrastructure strategy will run until 31 October 2016.

Feedback received at this phase will be considered in the finalisation of the strategy, which will be delivered to Parliament in December.

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