



## Introduction

**The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia is Australia's leading advocate for best-practice asset management and the advancement of professional, accredited asset managers.**

Its 2024 **Best Practice Asset Management of Essential Public Infrastructure** White Paper made ten recommendations to improve the capability and capacity of infrastructure asset managers.

## Position

IPWEA Victoria is a Division of IPWEA and is committed to enabling better public works. We will support the following two of IPWEA's White Paper recommendations that:

- 1. Governments at all levels make a concerted effort to fund educational programs that raise capacity and capability of the asset management profession and make a commitment to an industry wide uplift of skills in Asset Management.*
- 2. The regulator requires local government to report annually on the state of their infrastructure, using a nationally accepted methodology, such as the 'National State of the Assets'.*

## Statement

IPWEAV will support these recommendations by advocating that:

- Victoria's state and local governments facilitate access to best-practice asset management publications such as IPWEA's Manuals, Practice Notes, supporting tools and templates.*
- Victoria's state and local governments support attendance at IPWEA's biennial Asset Management Congress and IPWEA Victoria events offering AM content.*
- Victoria's state and local governments fund continuing professional development in the asset management discipline, including enrolment in IPWEA's Asset Management Education Pathway courses:*
  - Asset Management Foundations*
  - Professional Certificate in Asset Management Planning*
  - Professional Certificate in Infrastructure Financial Management*
  - Integrating Asset Management and Governance*
- Victorian local governments self-assess their primary public works infrastructure annually and provide their findings to the Australian Local Government Association for its National State of the Assets report.*