

Infrastructure Australia Acting Chief Executive Officer Adam Copp – keynote speaker at the IPWEA International Asset Management Congress.

Infrastructure asset management and the need for a whole-system approach to asset contribution is vital in ensuring our assets, communities and places are resilient. It's no secret that our sector has endured a range of uncertainties over the past few years and for us to future proof our industry, we must take a holistic approach to infrastructure planning and decision-making. By looking at the whole system and not just the individual asset, we can create high-quality, financially sustainable and long-term outcomes for the community.

In a similar way, we should also look at the infrastructure pipeline as a portfolio of investments, and not just a series of individual contracts as most of the time, the projects draw on the same workforce, organisations and resources. By adopting a whole portfolio outlook, we can create a more stable infrastructure sector and governments can ensure industry can better respond to their needs by providing the materials, skills, and capacity to deliver tomorrow's infrastructure.

IPWEA provided valuable input as Infrastructure Australia developed the 2021 Australian Infrastructure Plan and we are pleased to continue this collaboration.

The Congress is an important opportunity to have an open and transparent discussion on infrastructure asset management and I look forward to working together on how we can build a sustainable and resilient future.