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Infrastructure Australia

Investing in Infrastructure

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- The importance of strategy
- Values, ethics and public trust
- COAG cities agenda
- Governance and cultural change
- Positive multiplier effect of action
- Opportunities



The Importance of Strategy

- Defined as “a plan, method, or series of manoeuvres or stratagems for obtaining a specific goal or result”
- Infrastructure Australia’s strategy is built on seven themes:
 - A national broadband network
 - Creation of a true national energy market
 - Competitive international gateways
 - A national freight network
 - Adaptable and secure water supplies
 - Transforming our cities
 - Providing essential indigenous services



Values, ethics and public trust



COAG cities agenda

- Plans by 2012
- National urban policy



Governance and cultural change

- Two conflicting issues:
 - Infrastructure is difficult to plan across many Councils
 - Voice of community is very important

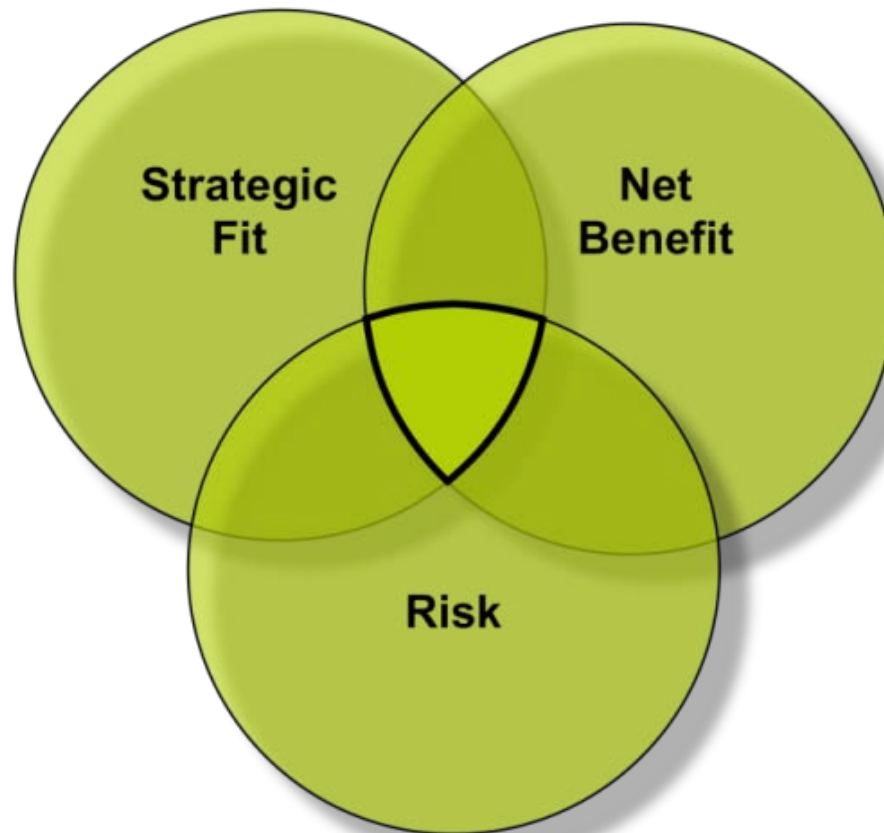


Positive multiplier effect of action

- Creates confidence
 - Positive business environment
 - Freight Policy
 - Ports Policy
 - Urban Water Policy
- Vital to business confidence and driving down costs – positive impact on mums and dads



The Priority List





PPP's

Feedback:

- Need for observable government procurement processes
- National consistency
- Bid Costs
- Bid time
- Real risk transfer
- Governance structures/expertise
- Partnership rather than cosmetics
- Public Evaluation audits



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.

