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Australia**

Providing and Paying for Infrastructure: What's Fair?

*Infrastructure access is uneven. How Should
we respond?*

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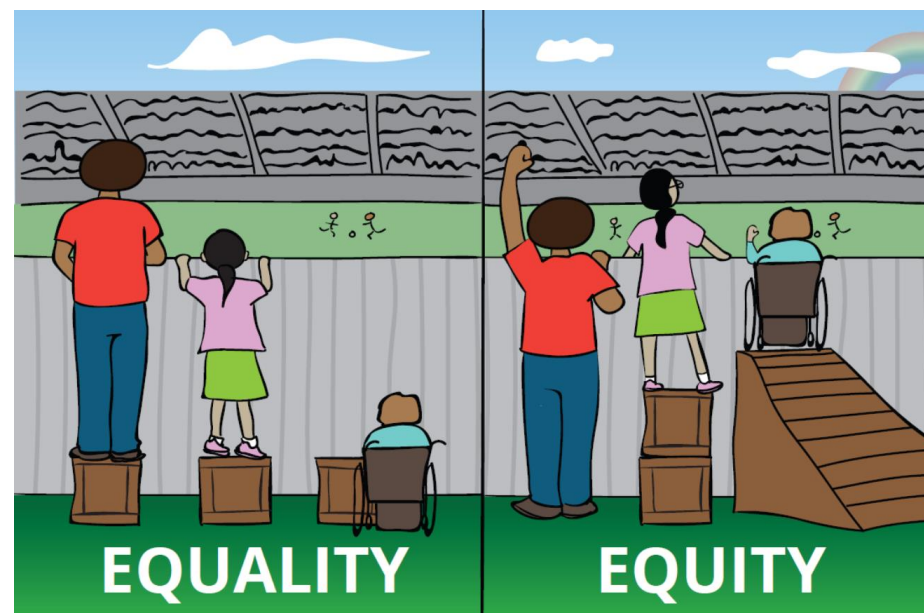
- 1) Evaluating infrastructure **business cases** for nationally significant proposals
- 2) Setting the agenda for long-term infrastructure **reform**

What does equitable infrastructure mean?

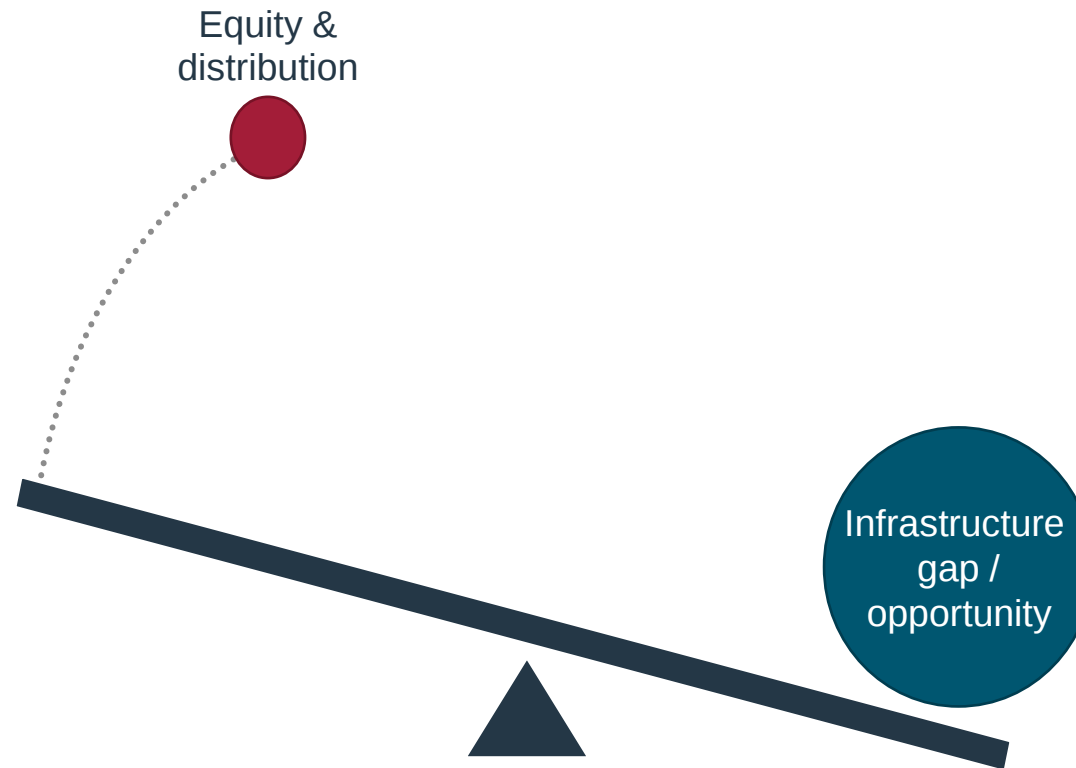
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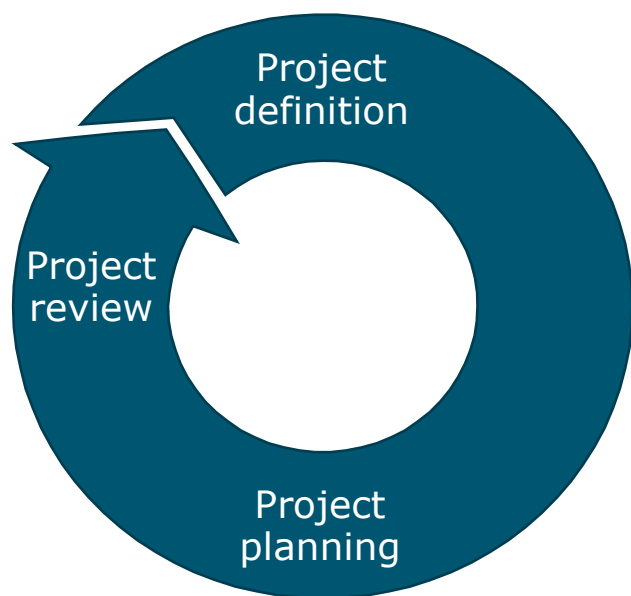
Infrastructure equity is...



Achieving balance across competing priorities and perspectives



Assessing 'fairness' and the merit of infrastructure investment – the Infrastructure Australia Assessment Framework



Assessment criteria and themes:



Strategic Fit



Societal Impact



Deliverability

Regional Strengths and Infrastructure Gaps

Identifies the **strengths** of regions across Australia

Increases awareness of regional **gaps**

Identifies common themes in infrastructure **challenges and opportunities**

Assists in building a **prioritised infrastructure pipeline**

Quality

Access

Affordability

Economic

Environmental

Social

Governance

Local stakeholder priorities

**Top 5 priority
infrastructure gaps
per region**

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Availability, diversity and affordability of housing



Broadband and mobile connectivity



Water security



Access to further education and skills training



Capacity, connectivity and quality public transport



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Example: water infrastructure provision in regional and remote Australian communities

Problem: significant gap exists in water infrastructure across regional and remote Australia

200,000 people across 115 remote communities
– access to unsafe water

400,000 people across 408 regional and remote communities – access to safe but poor-quality water

40% of total are remote First Nations communities

Poor water quality linked to adverse health outcomes

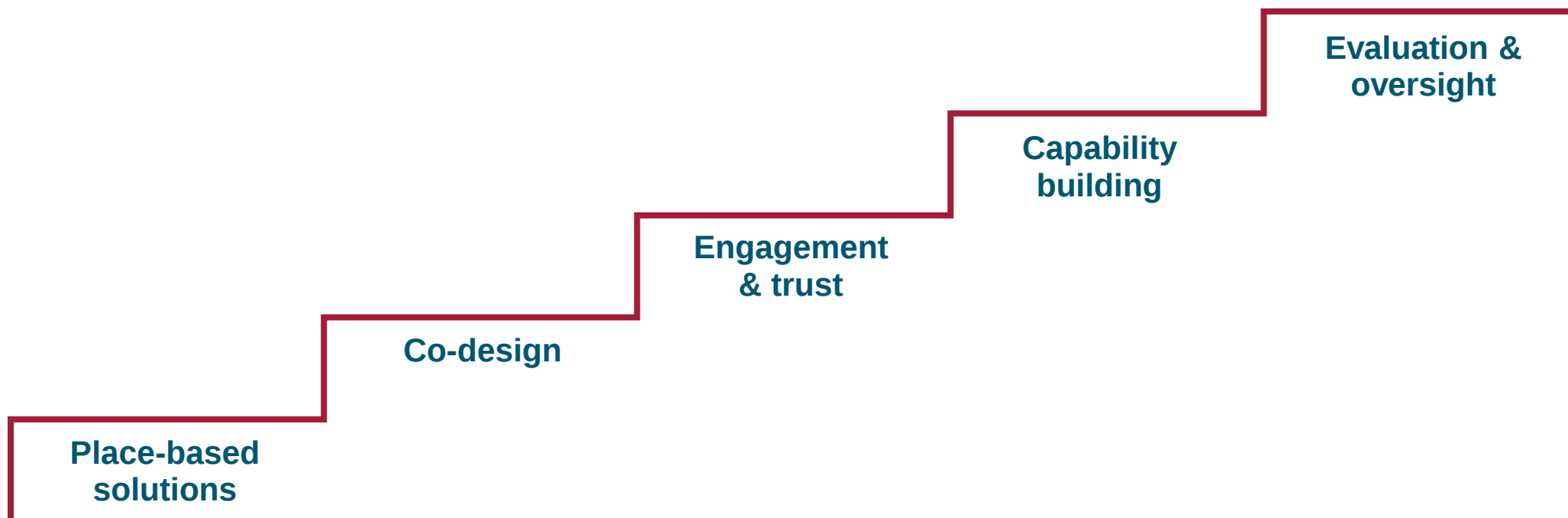
Many communities are 'self-managed' and unregulated



Water infrastructure distribution is uneven, and access is limited – how should we respond?



Key considerations for addressing this gap



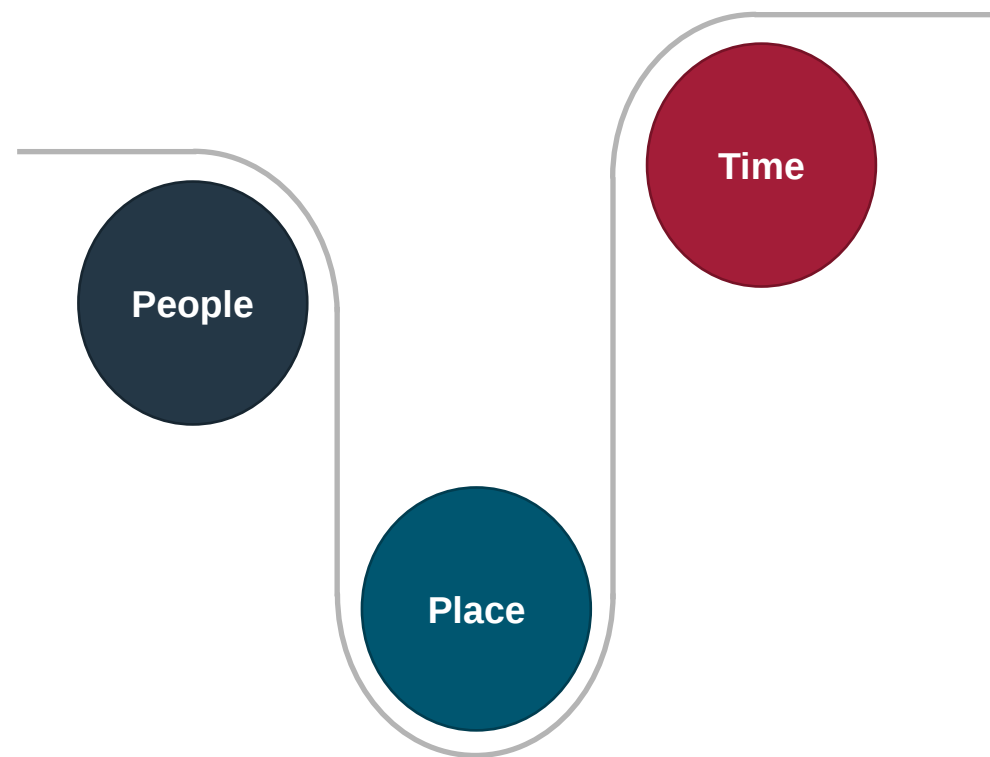
Looking forward – how we close the ‘fairness gap’

Undertaking comprehensive
assessment

Applying a place-based lens

Engaging with infrastructure users

Building the evidence base



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