

# Infrastructure weekly update

For the week starting 22 July 2024



To: Hon Chris Bishop, Minister for Infrastructure

Minister's comments:

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## 1. Actions arising from previous meetings

Meeting date	Agreed action	By whom	By when	Status
25 June	Draft a Cabinet paper on the National Infrastructure Plan	TW	4 July	Completed – paper lodged 18 July
25 June	Schedule session with Minister to discuss NIP	MO	asap	Completed – meeting held 11 July
1 July	Set up a meeting to discuss the Asset Management State of Play report	TW	asap	On the agenda for discussion at the officials meeting on 22 July

## 2. Key issues and updates

### 2.1. Webinar for government agencies on the Infrastructure Priorities Programme (IPP)

As part of the soft launch process for the IPP, we held a webinar with key central government agencies on 10 July. The purpose of the webinar was to introduce the IPP – why we are doing it, what it entails, and how agencies can participate. The webinar was well attended, with 44 attendees representing 22 government agencies. We have provided a copy of the slides from the webinar to your office.

The next step is individual pre-application meetings with agencies, which are now being organised for late July and early August. These meetings will provide agencies with an opportunity to learn more, have their individual questions answered, and discuss potential applications they may wish to submit to the IPP.

*Anna Moodie, GM Operations*

### 2.2. Update from DPMC re critical infrastructure resilience

The first National Adaptation Plan (NAP) is comprised of government’s policies, plans and proposals to respond to the National Climate Change Risk Assessment, and support New Zealanders to adapt to the impacts of climate change. The critical infrastructure work programme, specifically the development of minimum requirements to enhance resilience, responds to NAP action 5.6: Scope a resilience standard or code for infrastructure.

The Climate Change Commission’s (CCC) first report on the implementation of the NAP is scheduled for August 2024, and the government must respond no later than six months after receiving this. While Minister Watts (Climate Change) is ultimately responsible for the NAP, Ministers across government are responsible for the delivery of actions within their portfolios.

The Climate Change Chief Executives Board (CCIEB) has commissioned responsible agencies, including DPMC, to <sup>s9(2)(f)(iv)</sup> [redacted]

[redacted]

*Ryan Walsh, DPMC*

### 2.3. Upcoming events

We advise you of any significant forums or events that Infrastructure Commission staff are attending or presenting at.

Event	Event date	Description (attending/presenting/purpose)
Water Utilities Association Meeting	17 July	Geoff Cooper, Acting Chief Executive, spoke to this group about the role of pricing to support sustainable water services.
Quarry NZ Conference	18 July	Geoff Cooper, Acting Chief Executive, will be speaking at this event and sharing the Commission’s work on aggregate modelling (alongside Matt Hill from GNS). Under-Secretary Court will also be speaking.

Waikato Civil Construction Industry Update	23 July	Matthew Keir, Director Data Science and Analytics – Strategy, will be presenting at this session to provide an update on the National Infrastructure Pipeline and the Commission’s work.
Civil Contractors NZ Conference, Invercargill	15-16 August	Geoff Cooper, Acting CE, is to speak about the National Infrastructure Plan and/or be part of a panel to discuss the future of work.
LGNZ Conference	23 August	Peter Nunns, Acting GM Strategy, is part of a panel discussion about the structure of local government.
Building Nations 2024 (Infrastructure NZ annual conference)	28-29 August	Geoff Cooper, Acting Chief Executive, or Andy Hagan, General Manager Delivery, will speak and/or be on a panel.
World Green Infrastructure Congress 2024 (Auckland)	3-5 September	Geoff Cooper, Acting CE, will deliver a presentation on ‘A new trajectory for infrastructure’, highlighting New Zealand’s infrastructure challenge and responses through an environmental lens.
National Lifeline Utilities Forum	17-18 October	Geoff Cooper, Acting CE, or another to deliver the keynote speech re ‘Making the Case for Change’

*Anna Moodie, General Manager, Operations*

## 3. Upcoming advice

### 3.1. Upcoming briefings and aides memoire for the Minister

We provide advice to the Minister on our work programme and our contribution to the government’s wider work programme – both proactively and in response to requests from him.

Topic and <a href="#">tracking number</a>	Date due to your office	What this advice covers	Deadline for Minister’s feedback
Final Draft Cabinet paper on the National Infrastructure Plan [TW-2024-444]	Sent 17 July	Provides an updated draft Cabinet paper on the National Infrastructure Plan, incorporating feedback received through departmental consultation.	18 July (for lodging with Cabinet office)
Comment on Infrastructure NZ paper re Financing Models	22 July	Following from a meeting with INZ on 11 July, this aide memoire provides comment on a report from INZ on Financing Models and how it aligns with work InfraCom is leading re PPPs. This is likely to be discussed at the Minister’s next meeting with INZ on 29 July.	29 July
s9(2)(f)(iv)			
Meeting with Joseph Mooney MP in Queenstown on 30 July	26 July	An overview of infrastructure in Queenstown, with input from the Ministry of Housing and Development, Ministry for the Environment, and NZTA. Will include background, context and talking points.	30 July
Next steps on infrastructure national direction	tbc	Joint briefing from TW, MfE and MBIE officials to the Ministers of/for RMA Reform, Infrastructure, Local Government and Undersecretary Court setting out proposed next steps for the national direction work programme.	tbc

### Briefings re reports and publications

None

## 3.2. Upcoming briefings and aides memoire for the Parliamentary Under-Secretary

We provide advice to Mr Court in line with his delegations from the Minister – both proactively and in response to requests from him. All advice to Mr Court is copied to the Minister.

Topic and <a href="#">tracking number</a>	Date due to your office	What this advice covers	Deadline for US's feedback
Comment on Infrastructure NZ paper re Financing Models	22 July	Following from a meeting with INZ on 11 July, this aide memoire provides comment on a report from INZ on Financing Models and how it aligns with work InfraCom is leading re PPPs.	n/a
Next steps on infrastructure national direction	tbc	Joint briefing from TW, MfE and MBIE officials to the Ministers of/for RMA Reform, Infrastructure, Local Government and Undersecretary Court setting out proposed next steps for the national direction work programme.	Tbc

## 3.3. Monitoring and performance reports

We provide quarterly reports on our performance against the Statement of Performance Expectations, regular updates on the National Infrastructure Pipeline, and updates on cross-government work to deliver the Infrastructure Strategy.

Topic	Date due to your office	What this report covers	Timeline
Q4 Quarterly Report	End of July	Provides an update of our progress on key aspects of our work programme, and performance against the SPE.	N/A
Annual report	Before 30 November	Provides the Commission's report on financial and non-financial performance for FY24	N/A

### 3.4. Upcoming Cabinet papers

We provide advice to you on upcoming papers that you or your colleagues are taking to Cabinet, where relevant to the infrastructure system.

Lead Minister	Description	Date due to your office	Committee	Timeframe
s9(2)(g)(i)				

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### 3.5. Ministerial Official Information Act requests

Where requested, we provide information to inform responses to OIAs that you receive.

Date received from your office	Correspondent	Description of request	Date due to Minister	Date due to send
15 July	s9(2)(a)	Minutes and action points arising from meetings with the Minister	26 July	7 August
15 July		Information in relation to the National Infrastructure Plan; and action points from meetings	2 August	12 August

### 3.6. Departmental Official Information Act requests

We provide you with a heads-up on OIAs that we have received and our proposed response.

Date received	Correspondent	Description of request	Date due to send
10 July	Public Services Commission	Consultation on an OIA that the PSC has received regarding CE's terms of employment.	We provided our input to PSC on 15 July
17 July	s9(2)(a)	All written advice to Ministers on the draft second Emissions Reduction Plan, including advice on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policies that were included in the draft plan</li> <li>- Policies that weren't included in the draft plan, and</li> <li>- Previous policies or work programmes from the first Emissions Reduction Plan that were stopped.</li> </ul>	14 August

### 3.7. Upcoming Ministerial meetings

Where requested, we provide support for meetings the Minister is attending.

Meeting	Meeting date	Who will be attending/presenting	Comment / action	TW lead
Officials meeting	22 July, 1.30pm	Minister, infrastructure officials		Geoff Cooper
Infrastructure and Investment Ministers Group	23 July, 7-8pm	Hons Bishop (Chair), Willis, Brown, Jones and US Court	Papers have been circulated. PPP model, city and regional deals on the agenda. We briefed you with content on the draft PPP paper [TW-2024-430 refers].	Andy Hagan
Going for Housing Growth	24 July, 11.45am	Minister Bishop and housing officials		

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Fortnightly meeting: InfraCom Chair and Minister	29 July, 1.45-2pm	Regular fortnightly 1:1 (ahead of standing officials meeting)		Alan Bollard
Meeting with Infrastructure NZ	29 July, 4.45-5.30pm	Minister, Nick Leggett and other INZ officials, Tsy officials, Brendan Herder for InfraCom	Agenda likely to include the recent delegations to Europe, our shared agenda including the Infrastructure Summit, and how we could adopt a more strategic approach to sector engagement leveraging each other's work and capabilities	Brendan Herder
Monthly meeting between the Minister and US Court	31 July, 5.30-6pm	Minister Bishop and US Court, infrastructure officials as required	Georgia to advise	Geoff Cooper
Meeting with Minister Brown and industry groups (Infrastructure NZ, CCNZ, ACENZ, RMBA)	14 August	Ministers Bishop and Brown, Helen Davidson, Alan Pollard, Ankit Sharma, Nick Leggett, officials tbc	The Minister's letter to industry bodies on 17 July refers	Andy Hagan
Infrastructure and Investment Ministers Group	20 August, 7-8pm	Hons Bishop (Chair), Willis, Brown, Jones and US Court	An update on the NIP is on the agenda.	Andy Hagan

### 3.8. Upcoming meetings for the Parliamentary Under-Secretary

Where requested, we provide support for meetings US Court is attending.

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			PPP paper [TW-2024-430 refers].	
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[Note that, due to timeframes, Written and Oral Parliamentary questions and media requests will be provided directly to the Minister’s office and not signalled in this report.]

## Appendix A: List of upcoming reports and publications

We investigate a range of topics to help build the capability and performance of the infrastructure system and to support discussions with the sector. We publish reports that we commission or author ourselves – including research insights, ‘deep dive’ inquiries, project reviews, economic analysis, and policy insights. The list below sets out our current programme of reports. We provide the Minister’s office with a heads-up before publishing.

Topic / Title	Type of report	Intended publication date	What this report or publication covers
Water metering and leakage	Research report	Week of 22 July 2024	Examines the economic and societal benefits of using water metering and volumetric charging to help solve water network-related challenges. This report and the Transport pricing case studies paper below will be released together. [TW-2024-423 refers.] Draft press releases (for TW and Minister) have been sent to your office.
Transport pricing case studies	Research report	Week of 22 July 2024	This looks at experience of tolling, congestion charging and other forms of pricing and demand management [TW-2024-423 refers]. Draft press releases (for TW and Minister) have been sent to your office.
Transparency response paper	Response to research	Week of 29 July 2024	This report analyses the possible actions the Government could make in response to the Infrastructure Commission’s work on transparency in projects. A briefing on this was provided to the Minister on 26 March [TW-2024-339 refers]. No press release is planned.
Taking care of Tomorrow Today: An Asset Management State of Play	Research report	TBC August 2024	This paper outlines how mature our asset management tools and processes are across different infrastructure sectors, and provides recommendations to improve public sector asset management.
Introducing water meters	Case studies	TBC August 2024	Includes foreword from us, followed by water metering case studies in Kapiti and Nelson commissioned from Pat Dougherty, Director Wellington Water. [TW-2024-423 refers.]

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