

Hon Steven Marshall MP Premier

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Changing the way South Australia delivers infrastructure

Premier Steven Marshall today announced that former Infrastructure Australia chairmen Sir Rod Eddington and Hon Mark Birrell are providing advice to the State Government on the establishment of Infrastructure SA.

“Sir Rod Eddington and Mark Birrell bring a wealth of experience on the development of infrastructure and are playing a critical role in the establishment of Infrastructure SA,” said Premier Marshall.

“Advice of the quality that Mark Birrell and Sir Rodney Eddington have to offer is invaluable and I personally appreciate their guidance.

“The establishment of Infrastructure South Australia will dramatically change the way governments plan and deliver major infrastructure projects in our state.

“It is critical that we develop the best model and legislation to establish this essential advisory body.”

The Premier’s Advisory Group on the establishment of Infrastructure South Australia has been convened to:

- Review and advise the Premier on the proposed form, structure and function of Infrastructure SA;
- Assist the Premier on the initial statement of expectations for Infrastructure SA; and
- Review and advise the Premier on the draft Infrastructure SA Bill 2018.

“South Australia spends well over \$1 billion a year on roads, ports and other productive infrastructure – the vast majority of that is government funded,” said Premier Marshall.

“Infrastructure South Australia will be an independent body that will develop a long-term State Infrastructure Strategy and ongoing infrastructure plans which prioritise major projects.”

Sir Rod Eddington was the inaugural chair of Infrastructure Australia, serving from 2008-2014. A respected company director and Rhodes scholar, Sir Rod has led a number of major independent reviews into government infrastructure and transport, including for the United Kingdom’s Blair Government and the Victorian Government in 2007.

The Hon Mark Birrell was a founding board member and Chairman of Infrastructure Australia from 2014-2017. Mark is a lawyer, company director and former senior minister in the Victorian Government, overseeing the transformation of Victoria’s infrastructure and planning in the 1990s.