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EDITORIAL

Welcome to Edition 6 of the Public Infrastructure Bulletin. This edition is coming to you from the Bulletin's new home, the Bond University Mirvac School of Sustainable Development on the Gold Coast. The Bulletin will continue to offer short and relevant articles about all aspects of infrastructure and public private partnerships. It will be published twice annually and Issue 7 will feature more book reviews, a list of recently released studies, reports and articles and web links to sites offering useful educational programs, conferences, research and resources.

The focus of the Bulletin is firmly on national infrastructure events and issues. In this and future editions, we have installed a refereed paper supplement for those contributors who want to have their work peer reviewed. This section will be progressively expanded in future editions because the Bulletin offers a rare opportunity to be published in a dedicated infrastructure journal. Our editorial board and guidelines for contributors to this section are available from our office (mregan@bond.edu.au).

Our first refereed paper for 2007 examines the complexities associated with networked infrastructures. Professor Ross Robinson and Associate Professor Sophia Everett of the Australian Centre for Integrated Freight Systems Management at the University of Melbourne review regulatory performance in relation to the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal in Queensland.

Owen Hayford, a Partner with law firm Clayton Utz contributes a review of the Partnerships Victoria Standard Commercial Principles guidelines issued by the Department of Treasury and Finance in 2005 and PPP interest rate risk sharing for social infrastructure projects. Owen also jointly authored a paper with Julian Gratiaen of Clayton Utz that examines recent changes in interest rate risk in New South Wales. Both articles were originally submitted in 2005 although the subjects remain as topical now as they were then.

We have included a summary of a recent research report that examines the worldwide operational performance of PPPs that was published by the Australian Centre for Public Infrastructure at the University of Melbourne in 2006.

This edition also features a book review and a list of recent publications dealing with infrastructure and PPPs. If you have read a book, newsletter or sourced information of interest over the internet, we are interested in hearing from you. Similarly, if you would like to make a contribution to the Bulletin, or quarrel with the views expressed by our contributors, we would be delighted to receive your submission.

We hope you enjoy the new look Public Infrastructure Bulletin.

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