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Ruth Spielman

Executive Officer
National Growth Areas Alliance

Dear Ruth,

RE: Dedicated Infrastructure Fund for Australia's Outer Suburban Growth Areas

I am pleased to support the National Growth Areas Alliance report that details the significant challenges our fastest growing regions face, particularly when it comes to the supply of sufficient high-quality infrastructure.

Consult Australia supports the recommendations that are contained in the report and congratulate the National Growth Areas Alliance for highlighting the vital infrastructure backlog that is currently being experienced in some of Australia's fastest growing areas.

Specifically we agree that the report adds a new aspect to the discussion on cities policy, and that the recommendations contained in the report have the ability to increase economic activity, reduce the cost of living and provide for a better quality of life in those growth areas.

Furthermore, we commend the National Growth Areas Alliance for highlighting the challenges and support:

- A new approach including a dedicated funding stream to address the infrastructure backlog that exists in the outer suburbs.
- That strategic infrastructure is needed to get the outcomes communities are seeking, namely jobs growth, productivity and reduced congestion.
- Partnering across levels of government and the private sector to invest in the outer suburbs.

We believe this report provides clear guidance and a process for achieving these objectives and with leadership, investment and commitment these fastest growing regions can:

- Enjoy the infrastructure of the future;
- Maximise value for money outcomes and productivity; and
- Ensure growth and standards of living for these populations and all Australians.

As part of a broader dialogue, we would be pleased to meet with you to discuss how we might be able to contribute to your work in the months that follow. To that end feel free to contact Jonathan Cartledge, Director of Policy and Government Relations on 02 9922 4711 or email jonathan@consultaaustralia.com.au.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan Motto", is written over a light blue circular background.

Megan Motto
Chief Executive