Submit a proposal

Our Assessment Framework explains our basic requirements for submissions and how we assess infrastructure proposals.

The Assessment Framework is designed for anyone who wishes to submit an infrastructure proposal to Infrastructure Australia. It guides you on the steps you should take to develop high-quality infrastructure proposals and meet our requirements for submissions.

[Explore our Assessment Framework](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/publications/assessment-framework)

Submissions to the Infrastructure Priority List

There are two reasons to submit an infrastructure proposal to us.

The first is to have the proposal considered for the [Infrastructure Priority List.](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/node/10)

If this is the case, the table below explains our submission process.

* Stage 1
* Stage 2
* Stage 3
* Stage 4

Defining problems and opportunities

STAGE OVERVIEW

During Stage 1, you will clearly identify the problems and opportunities you are seeking to solve and the opportunities you are seeking to realise.

1. Download the [Stage 1 volume of the Assessment Framework](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/node/967) to understand what is required at this stage.
2. Engage with us for advice if you have any questions while developing your Stage 1 submission using our [Stage 1 submission template](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/node/967).
3. Contact us at [proposals@infrastructureaustralia.gov.au](mailto:proposals@infrastructureaustralia.gov.au) to organise a secure file transfer for your completed submission.

Outcome

If we positively assess your submission by agreeing that you have provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the problem or opportunity is nationally significant, we will list your proposal on the [Infrastructure Priority List](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/node/10) as an ‘early-stage proposal’.

[Go to Stage 1](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/stage-1-defining-problems-and-opportunities)

Identifying and analysing options

STAGE OVERVIEW

During this stage you will develop and assess a wide range of options that could address the problems and opportunities you identified in Stage 1.

1. Download the [Stage 2 volume of the Assessment Framework](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/node/968) to understand what is required at this stage.
2. Engage with us for advice if you have any questions while developing your Stage 2 submission. Use our [Stage 2 submission checklist](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/node/968) to ensure you have included all the information you need.
3. Contact us at [proposals@infrastructureaustralia.gov.au](mailto:proposals@infrastructureaustralia.gov.au) to organise a secure file transfer for your completed submission.

Outcome

If we positively assess your submission by agreeing that you have demonstrated a rigorous process to identify an appropriate shortlist of options, we will list your proposal on the [Infrastructure Priority List](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/node/10) as ‘potential investment options’.

[Go to Stage 2](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/stage-2-identifying-and-analysing-options)

Developing a business case

STAGE OVERVIEW

During this stage, you will develop a business case for your infrastructure proposal. The business case will demonstrate how you have assessed options in detail to identify a preferred option based on merit.

1. Download the [Stage 3 volume of the Assessment Framework](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/node/969) to understand what is required at this stage.
2. Engage with us for advice if you have any questions while developing your business case (Stage 3 submission). Use our [Stage 3 submission checklist](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/node/969) to ensure you have included all the information needed.
3. Contact us at [proposals@infrastructureaustralia.gov.au](mailto:proposals@infrastructureaustralia.gov.au) to organise a secure file transfer for your completed submission.

Outcome

Once we have assessed your submission, we will:

* list your proposal on the [Infrastructure Priority List](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/node/10) as an ‘investment-ready proposal’ if it is positively assessed
* publish a summary of our evaluation on the [Project Evaluations](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/project-evaluations) section of our website.

[Go to Stage 3](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/stage-3-developing-business-case)

Post completion review

STAGE OVERVIEW

This stage occurs after your project has been delivered.

You will review the project to compare the outcomes and delivery against the expectations in the business case, and identify lessons for future projects.

1. Download the [Stage 4 volume of the Assessment Framework](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/node/970) to understand what is required at this stage.
2. Engage with us for advice if you have any questions while developing your post completion review (Stage 4 submission). Use our [Stage 4 submission checklist](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/node/970) to ensure you have included all the information needed.
3. Contact us at [proposals@infrastructureaustralia.gov.au](mailto:proposals@infrastructureaustralia.gov.au) to organise a secure file transfer for your completed submission.

Outcome

Through conducting a post completion review, you can capture lessons from the project to improve future projects and demonstrate successes. There is no formal output published of our assessment of a Stage 4 submission.

[Go to Stage 4](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/stage-4-post-completion-review)

Other submissions

The second reason to submit a business case to us is because more than $250 million in Australian Government funding has been committed to the proposal. We are required to evaluate business cases for infrastructure proposals with funding committed above this threshold.

If this is the case, get in contact with us to discuss your submission. You can contact us via email at [proposals@infrastructureaustralia.gov.au](mailto:proposals@infrastructureaustralia.gov.au) or call us on (02) 8114 1900.

[Frequently asked questions about our submissions process](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/submit-a-proposal/faqs)

Detailed technical guidelines

To help you develop your proposal, we have produced a series of detailed technical guidelines alongside the Assessment Framework volumes. These provide additional detail on specific methodologies and approaches you can use when developing your submission to us.

[Guide to program appraisal](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/guide-program-appraisal)

[Guide to multi-criteria analysis](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/guide-multi-criteria-analysis)

[Guide to economic appraisal](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/guide-economic-appraisal)

[Guide to risk and uncertainty analysis](https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/guide-risk-and-uncertainty-analysis)