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Challenges and opportunities in regional infrastructure investment

Growing Regional Australia - Regional
population and infrastructure panel

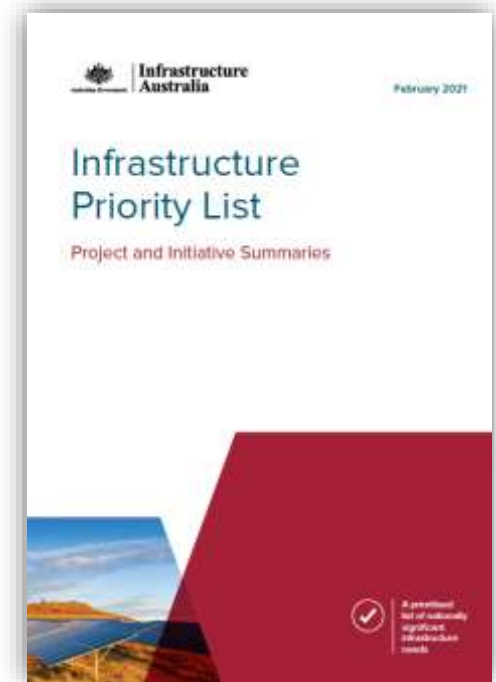
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Gaps in service delivery between major cities and our regional areas are a major barrier

- COVID-19 has seen a **200% increase in internal migration** to the regions.
- To lock in this shift, we need to ensure infrastructure in the regions supports a high quality of life.
- The infrastructure needs of regional Australia are incredibly diverse.
 - Australia's **smaller cities and regional centres** have room to grow and play a vital role as regional service hubs.
 - Infrastructure needs in **small towns, rural and remote communities** are vast and varied, and service quality is often poor.
- Connectivity, both in a physical and digital sense, is critical issue to liveability and economic growth.

2021 Infrastructure Priority List

- **44 new investment opportunities** added
- Opportunities cut across the broad spectrum of transport, energy, water, waste, telecommunications and social infrastructure.
- Identifies a **\$59 billion project pipeline**
- **More than half** of the investment opportunities on the List benefit our regional communities.
- Strong focus on **service quality** for regional infrastructure, including investments
 - in telecommunications transmission capacity to improve speed and reliability of the internet regional areas
 - to support digital health services, including enabling digital health technologies



Identifying regional strengths and gaps



- Developed in collaboration with RDA network.
- Bringing a national perspective to the diverse infrastructure needs of our regions.

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