

The Dissolution of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs): An Australian Case Study

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Abstract

In a 2008 discussion paper, Infrastructure Australia, a statutory advisory council consisting of 12 members, noted that 'national infrastructure ...is the platform for future growth and prosperity'. In recent years, however, a number of PPPs engaged in building this national infrastructure have collapsed. With the creation of a 'Future Fund' by the current Australian government and a robust agenda envisioned for the technological advancement of Australian infrastructure through a 'National Broadband Network' this paper seeks to determine the costs associated with the collapse of such PPS. The costs associated with unsuccessful PPPs may include productive, economic and reputational losses. These risks, it is argued, must be factored into strategic government decisions on the most beneficial way to pursue a policy of national growth and development hand in hand with the private sector.