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UDIA Welcomes Stronger, More Independent Infrastructure Australia

The passing of the Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill through Parliament will create a stronger, more independent infrastructure advisory body, says the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA).

Infrastructure Australia was established in 2008 to advise Governments and the private sector on infrastructure policy and other issues. The Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill, which was agreed to today, was introduced late last year with the goal of strengthening Infrastructure Australia, making it more independent, and clarifying its role.

“UDIA raised strong concerns that several clauses in the Bill as it was originally proposed may have had adverse impacts on Infrastructure Australia’s transparency and independence,” said UDIA National President Cameron Shephard.

“It’s extremely pleasing to see that the Government listened to the feedback provided by UDIA and other stakeholders, and decided to revise the Bill.”

“Ensuring that Australia gets the infrastructure it needs will be critical to securing our future economic success and prosperity. The passing of the Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill will ensure that Governments receive independent, expert advice on infrastructure to guide their investment decisions,” concluded Mr. Shephard.

UDIA’s original submission to the inquiry into the Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill can be accessed [here](#).

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