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An aerial photograph showing a multi-lane highway interchange with several overpasses. The highway is surrounded by lush green fields and dense forests. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A prominent tall, dark building stands out among the other structures in the distance.

The Australian British Infrastructure Catalyst is back in the UK for 2024

The Chamber's flagship Australian British Infrastructure Catalyst (ABIC) returns to the UK, running from Monday 30 September to Thursday 3 October.

Meet the new British Government that is driving policy across transport and infrastructure. We will showcase the best in metro rail, tackle the housing crisis with leading ideas on productivity in infrastructure and Modern Manufacturing Construction.

At ABIC, we will have experts at the vanguard of changing demands for transport services, decarbonisation in service delivery, funding new infrastructure and services, and research excellence into resilience.

The format is presentations and discussions under Chatham House, with an intimate group of leaders. It includes many networking opportunities including a Welcome Reception at Australia House and the Catalyst Dinner at Battersea Power Station.



Aims and Objectives of the 2024 Catalyst

- Build on the strong base of trade, investment and knowledge sharing in infrastructure and transport
- Reset thinking on social and economic outcomes for infrastructure investment
- Unpack project risk and what the big money is backing today
- Showcase excellence in rail and Transport Oriented Developments
- Decarbonise transport and the last mile delivery
- Explore most cost effective, productive and lower emission project delivery through Modern Methods of Construction
- Explore the research driving future efficiency and resilience in Infrastructure
- Future focussed thinking to attract and retain skills and jobs.

Delegate Tickets

Member: \$5,450 | **Non Member:** \$6,000 (*includes GST*)

Please note the ticket price does not include travel and accommodation. Although the Chamber will organise travel for you between cities, and we have organised a discounted group hotel booking. For more information, please contact Jennifer Cramond at jcramond@britishchamber.com

[Register Here](#)

Monday 30 September

Location: London: Arup, 8 Fitzroy Street, London, W1T 4BJ

8:30	Delegate arrival and Registration
8:50	Welcome: Phil Davies, Chair , Australian British Infrastructure Catalyst
8:55	Welcome from the Australian High Commission
9:00	UK Government Address: Resetting how Infrastructure is Delivered
9:30	The New Strategy for National Infrastructure Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Update on the NIC's National infrastructure Assessment and Progress Review▪ Tackling inertia in construction productivity and cost-effective project delivery▪ The new housing directorate Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ James Heath, CEO, National Infrastructure Commission▪ Jessica Hall, Deputy Secretary Infrastructure, Australian Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts
10:30	Morning Tea
11:00	Unpacking the Infrastructure Reset <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Set the scene for this week's ABIC programme▪ What have we learned and where are we in our sectors evolution?▪ Identify areas for Govt to Govt and Govt to private sector collaboration Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bridget Rosewell CBE, Chair, M6 Toll Company; Non-Executive Director, UK Infrastructure Bank and Northumbria Water▪ Sir David Higgins, Chair, United Utilities Group▪ Andy Green CBE, Commissioner, National Infrastructure Commission
12:00	Growing London through Business, Infrastructure and Jobs <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Economic development in practise▪ The plans for London Keynote Followed by Q&A: Howard Dawber , Deputy Mayor, Business and Growth
12:30	Lunch
13:30	The Great Train Ride Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sydney Metro▪ HS2▪ High Speed Rail in Australia Keynotes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mark Wild, CEO, HS2▪ Tim Parker, CEO, High Speed Rail Authority (Australia)
14:10	Leading with Stronger Economic Development Narrative <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Learnings from HS2 for Sydney to Newcastle High Speed Rail

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to strengthen the economic development, social value and sustainability narratives <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridget Rosewell CBE, Chair, M6 Toll Company; Non-Executive Director, UK Infrastructure Bank and Northumbria Water TBC
14:50	Afternoon Tea
15:15	<p>Finding Productivity through Transport Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learnings from HS2 and Euston developments How will Sydney Metro/Bradfield be game changing? A new lens on construction productivity and cost overruns <p>Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claire Mann, Chief Operating Officer, Transport for London Adam Boughton, Regional Director Australia, Network Rail Consulting
16:15	<p>Leveraging transport investment to lift sustainable urban outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability, urban and amenity outcomes achieved from investing in the Elizabeth Line Brisbane 2032 ambitions: a SE QLD transport revolution and unlock regional connectivity Leveraging transport spines for long term settlement planning <p>Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howard Smith OBE, Director, Elizabeth Line, Transport for London Rosanna Lawes, Executive Director, Development, London Legacy Development Corporation Arup
17:15	Close at Arup
18:00 – 20:00	Welcome Reception at the Australian High Commission

Tuesday 1 October

Location: London: A&O Shearman, One Bishops Square, London E1 6AD

8:15	Delegate arrival
8:30	Welcome from the ABCC
8:35	The New Town Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Policy imperatives and plans for four New UK Towns and 1.5 million homes with private sector support▪ Bradfield: Australia's newest city▪ Building industrial hubs and making new towns liveable Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Joanna Averley, Chief Planner, UK Department of Levelling Up Housing & Communities▪ Bill Parasiris, Vice-President Operations and Commercial, Western Sydney University
9:30	Through younger eyes - the Role of the City in the 22nd Century <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The London offering – what works and what doesn't for young▪ Rating transport: on energy transition, connectivity and levelling up▪ Finding traction for young ideas (consultation) Panel Discussion with Transport for London Youth Panel and Future of London Emerging Talent programme
10:00	Morning Tea
10:30	Housing Crisis - Meeting the demand for Dwellings and Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ How to accelerate delivery and maintain high standards▪ TODs in Australia<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Building on transport and utility connectivity- Boosting social and affordable housing- Building more sustainably Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Phil Helberg, CEO, Infrastructure WA▪ Tom Mackellar, CEO Development, Lendlease▪ Graeme Craig, CEO, Places for London (TfL)
11:45	Modern Methods of Construction & Working <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Revolution in supply chain and process▪ What is holding us back?▪ Improving emissions, diversity, digitalisation, cost and safety Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mark Farmer, Founder & CEO, Cast Consultancy▪ Laing O'Rourke representative Panel Discussion joined by Ivan Harbour , Senior Director, RSHP
12:45	Lunch

13:45	Shifting Jobs and Skills Demand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Skills for a modern manufacturing environment ▪ How does the workforce need to evolve? ▪ Rating universities and VET sectors ▪ How can industry play a greater role?
14:45	Contracting and Procurement Models <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How is the application of standard forms of contracts in UK and Australia ▪ Driving out cost and complexity; room for innovation ▪ Effect of MMC on contract approaches Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Janet Young, Director General & Secretary, Institution of Civil Engineers ▪ Simon Chatwin, Commercial Director, Laing O'Rourke Panel Discussion joined by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Phil Helberg, CEO, Infrastructure WA ▪ Professor Campbell Middleton, Professor of Construction Engineering; Director, Laing O'Rourke's Centre for Construction Engineering and Technology, Cambridge University
15:45	Afternoon Tea
16:00	Private Sector Investment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Investor insights on the changing landscape ▪ What should the priorities be for governments and the infrastructure supply chain ▪ Australian interest in UK assets ▪ PPPs and other solutions Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dale Connor, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Executive Officer, Construction, Lendlease ▪ Damien Webb, Deputy Chief Investment Officer, Aware Super ▪ Gregg McClymont, Executive Director - Public Affairs Europe, IFM Investors ▪ Angus Whiteley, CEO, Stafford Capital
17:00	Close at A&O Shearman
17:15	Travel to Battersea Power Station for Site Visit
19:00 – 22:30	Catalyst Dinner at Battersea Power Station (Control Room A) Sponsored by Arup

Wednesday 2 October

Location: Sheffield > Worksop > Manchester

7:30	Travel from London to Sheffield by train
10:00	Visit: The University of Sheffield Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre – Factory 2050 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Briefing on the history and growth of the Sheffield AMRC▪ The value of manufacturing excellence and outcomes for the UK▪ Learnings for Bradfield in Western Sydney
11:45	Research driving productivity, efficiency and resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ AI, data and the opportunities for the built environment▪ The evolution in materials - light weight substitution▪ Whole of life design Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Professor Campbell Middleton, Professor of Construction Engineering; Director, Laing O'Rourke's Centre for Construction Engineering and Technology, Cambridge University▪ Professor Mathew Aitchison, CEO, Building 4.0 CRC
12:30	Lunch
13:00	Travel to Worksop by coach
13:30	Visit: Laing O'Rourke Centre of Excellence for Modern Construction in Worksop <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ MMC in the UK and in-person introduction to the process▪ What does it take to be a pioneer in MMC?
15:30	The Role of the Mayor in National Infrastructure Planning and Delivery Keynote: Nuatali Nelmes , Lord Mayor of Newcastle
16:30	Travel to Manchester by coach
18:00	Night off in Manchester

Thursday 3 October

Location: Manchester: PwC, 1 Hardman Square, Manchester M3 3EB

8:15	Delegate arrival
8:30	Mayoral Address: Delivering for the North
9:30	Closing the Capital and Regional City Divide <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ HS2 money repurposed for the North▪ Northern Powerhouse Rail: Liverpool to Manchester▪ East West Rail: Oxford to Cambridge Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ David Hughes, CEO, East West Rail▪ Vernon Everitt, Transport Commissioner, Greater Manchester
10:30	Morning Tea
11:00	Community buy-in and Social value <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Strategies to earn social license for big build▪ Critical need for social infrastructure▪ Delivering on the housing mix Panel Discussion moderated by Kathy Jones , Executive Chair & Co-Founder, ECF with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lisa Taylor, Executive Director, Future of London / Future of Greater Manchester and Director, Coherent Cities▪ Lara Newman, CEO LocatEd▪ Anthony Manning, former CEO of School Infrastructure NSW▪ Alexandra Notay
12:00	The role of the UK Infrastructure Bank: Annie Ropar , Chief Financial Officer, UK Infrastructure Bank
12:20	Decarbonising Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Role of Governments, regulators and investors▪ Pathways and timelines▪ Enabling infrastructure and the digital customer▪ Fast track to Public Transport Electrification▪ Transitioning Last Mile Delivery Keynotes followed by a Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Leon Daniels OBE, President, UK Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport▪ Vernon Everitt, Transport Commissioner, Greater Manchester▪ Emma Bayliss-Chan, Senior Manager – Environment & Climate Strategy
13:20	Lunch
14:00	GMCA Youth Panel followed by Wrap up <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Levelling up on housing and connections▪ Future transport asks
15:00	Site Visit
17:00	Catalyst Close