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The Australian British Infrastructure Catalyst returns to Australia for 2025

The Australian British Infrastructure Catalyst (ABIC) comes back to Australia with a handpicked British leadership group to inject the latest thinking, from policy and planning reform to advanced manufacturing.

Across Sydney and Brisbane, ABIC offers knowledge exchange on lifting productivity in transport and infrastructure, tackling housing, placemaking and social license and major projects from airports to stadia.

Aims and Objectives of the Catalyst

- Build on the strong base of trade, investment and knowledge sharing in infrastructure and transport
- Unpack the growth agenda and policy priorities in the UK and Australia
- Reset thinking on lifting productivity and driving affordable cost outcomes
- Find investment to drive both economic and social outcomes
- Tackle the housing crises, from investment, to planning and progress on Modern Methods of Construction
- Spotlight on builds for airports and major event infrastructure
- Future focussed thinking to reduce supply chain risks, and grow skills and jobs

Delegate Tickets

Member: \$6,000 | Non Member: \$7,000 (excludes GST)

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Tuesday 7 October 2025

Planning and delivering certainty within changing democratic priorities

Location: Lendlease, Level 14, 300 Barangaroo Avenue, Barangaroo NSW 2000

Running Order	
8:30	Delegate arrival and registration
9:00	Welcome: Phil Davies , Chair, Australian British Infrastructure Catalyst
9:05	Lendlease Welcome and Minister Introduction: Dale Connor , Chief Operating Officer & Chief Executive Officer, Construction, Lendlease
9:10	NSW Government Welcome: The Hon John Graham MLC , NSW Minister for Transport
9:40	The UK Government Address: Lord Peter Hendy , UK Rail Minister <i>Transport Reform and Economic growth to Infrastructure</i>
10:10	Morning Tea
10:40	Infrastructure Investment Priorities ▪ Outcomes beyond construction jobs ▪ Pipeline certainty: planning and implementation ▪ Capping costs, optimising returns ▪ Energy transition Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Ticky Fullerton , CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce ▪ Becky Wood, CEO, National Infrastructure & Service Transformation Authority (NISTA) ▪ Andy Lord, Commissioner, Transport for London ▪ Trudi Mares, Acting Secretary, Transport for NSW
11:50	How to Fund Infrastructure Sustainably – the National Debate and considered choices ▪ Community support for the ‘Why’ ▪ Fit for purpose vs gold plating ▪ Public ownership and/or Role of the private sector In conversation moderated by Jeroen Weimar , Secretary, Victorian Department of Transport & Planning ▪ Tony Shepherd AO, Chairman, Infrastructure SA ▪ Lord Peter Hendy, UK Rail Minister
12:30	Lunch
13.20	Growing Demand in a Changing Market ▪ Population, housing targets and back to the office ▪ Efficiency/productivity priorities ▪ Public transport integration

Running Order	
	Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Frances Badelow, Managing Director Australia, Mott MacDonald ▪ Jeroen Weimar, Secretary, Victorian Department of Transport & Planning ▪ Lorna Murphy, Director of Buses, Transport for London ▪ Howard Collins OBE, Coordinator General, Transport for NSW ▪ Dean Kimpton, Chief Executive Officer, Auckland Transport
14:30	Infrastructure Landscapes ▪ Making infrastructure work for Communities ▪ Update on Western Australia ▪ Pressure for growth, fast track planning, smarter use of assets ▪ Systems thinking failures & solutions Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Leon Daniels OBE, President, UK Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport ▪ Nicole Lockwood, Chair, Infrastructure WA ▪ Andrew Macmillan, Chief Strategy Officer, Manchester Airports Group ▪ David Hughes, CEO, East West Railway Company
15:30	Afternoon Tea
16:00	The Case for High Speed Rail - the importance of integration A conversation moderated by Giles Thomas, former Integration Director, HS2 Ltd with Graham Nelmes, General Manager Customer, Place & Operations, High Speed Rail Authority and Kate Hall, Major Projects Director, Arup
16:30	Site Visit: Macquarie Group, 1 Elizabeth Street, Sydney ▪ Barangaroo to Martin Place on Metro ▪ Private briefing and drinks at Macquarie hosted by Michael Silman, Global Head of Corporate Real Estate, Macquarie
19:00	Catalyst Sydney Dinner with Dr Kerry Schott AO Venue: Museum of Contemporary Art, Foundation Hall

Wednesday 8 October 2025

Infrastructure's role in driving economic growth and sustainable housing and jobs

AM Location: First Building at Bradfield City, 215 Badgerys Creed Rd, Bringelly NSW 2556

PM Location: Lendlease, Level 14, 300 Barangaroo Avenue, Barangaroo NSW 2000

Running Order	
7:30	Coach to pick up on Sussex Street
8:50	Arrive at First Building at Bradfield City
9:00	Welcome: Ticky Fullerton , CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce
9:05	Welcome to a new City ▪ New Cities to turbo charge Economic Development ▪ Bradfield City ▪ Competition for inbound investment Keynote by Jennifer Westacott AC , Chancellor Western Sydney University, Chair, Bradfield Development Authority
9:25	A Catalyst for investment in the West's growth engine ▪ Industrial heritage ▪ Catalytic investment – Stage 1 & 2 Keynote by Ben Kitcher, Executive Director , Bradfield Development Authority – Advanced Manufacturing Readiness Facility
9:35	Lifting Productivity – new structures and advanced manufacturing ▪ National Construction Strategy – an update ▪ MMC, leadership and gaining traction ▪ Lifting construction productivity Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Nicole Lockwood , CEO Infrastructure WA ▪ Jon Davies, CEO, Australian Constructors Association ▪ Dr Regan Crooks, Director – Strategic Programmes, Laing O'Rourke ▪ Panel: Martin Fenn, MMC Lead, CIOB Oceania; Chief Delivery Officer, PT Blink
10:30	Morning Break – including rooftop tour
11:00	Ministerial Address and Q&A: The Hon Rose Jackson MLC , Minister for Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health and Youth, NSW Government
11:20	Planning – the right path to address housing ▪ Streamlining planning & approvals

Running Order	
	▪ Prioritising critical infrastructure ▪ TODS and Precinct level planning ▪ Community buy-in/social license Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Sallyann Aitken, Chief Development Officer, The APP Group ▪ Simon Draper PSM, Secretary, NSW Premier's Department ▪ Said Hirsh, Head of Strategy, Planning and Innovation, Infrastructure NSW ▪ Kimberely Jackson, Executive Director, Origination, Lendlease ▪ Colin Crisafulli, Future grid and Asset Management Executive, Endeavour Energy
12:20	Lunch
12:40	Drive back to the city – Drive past Western Sydney Airport on route
14:00	Arrive back at Lendlease
14:15	Future-proofing Airports – Operator and Systems Thinking ▪ Airports for the 22nd Century ▪ Changing shareholder expectations ▪ Complex Delivery, standardisation, MMC ▪ Timing of SAF Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Stephanie Graham, Managing Director, Construction, Lendlease ▪ Simon Hickey, CEO, Western Sydney International Airport ▪ Paul Willis, Group Executive Planning & Delivery, Sydney Airport/former Chief Development Officer, Manchester Airport Group ▪ Michael Hanna, Head of Infrastructure — Australia, IFM Investors
15:15	Airports – Industry's role in delivering future airports ▪ Leveraging a global capability ▪ Managing risks to be cost effective Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Said Hirsh, Head of Strategy, Planning and Innovation, Infrastructure NSW ▪ Chris Turton, Aviation Lead ANZ, Mott MacDonald ▪ Prasannah Kumar, Vice President, Growth & Sales, Jacobs Australia ▪ David Martin, Managing Director for APAC, Mace Consult ▪ Panel: Sameer Savani, Managing Director Transport, Connected Places Catapult
16:15	Afternoon Tea
16:30	The Social and Economic case for Rail ▪ Learnings on the economic case ▪ Community buy-in, social value ▪ Rail lifting regions ▪ Focus on TODS

Running Order	
	Keynote from Andy Lord, Commissioner, Transport for London Followed by a panel discussion with ▪ Andy Lord, Commissioner, Transport for London ▪ David Hughes, CEO, East West Rail Company ▪ Henri Murison, CEO, The Northern Powerhouse Partnership
17:30	Night off (some delegate may choose to fly to Brisbane this evening)

Thursday 9 October 2025

Delivering a world class experience whilst leaving a sustainable legacy

Location: MinterEllison, L22, One Eagle – Waterfront Brisbane, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

Running Order	
9:30	Delegate arrival and registration
10:00	Welcome: Phil Davies , Chair, Australian British Infrastructure Catalyst
10:05	Welcome: Brendan Clark , Managing Partner International, MinterEllison
10:10	Ministerial Address: The Hon Jarrod Bleijie , Deputy Premier of Queensland, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning; Minister for Industrial Relations
10:40	Investment and Delivery for 2032 ▪ Fresh eyes on Government/Private partnerships ▪ Programmatic approach to partnerships Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Melanie Kurzydlo, Chief Executive Property and Social Infrastructure, The APP Group ▪ Justin Davies, Executive Director, QLD Development, Lendlease ▪ Dr Allison Stewart, General Manager Victoria & Tasmania, Mott MacDonald ▪ Kate Flint, Country Manager, Australia, Mace ▪ Panel: Bill Brummitt, Assistant Secretary, Queensland Transport and 2032 Games Venues, Dept of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Sport, Communications & the Arts
11:40	Morning Tea
12:10	2012 Legacy: Lord Peter Hendy , UK Rail Minister; Former Chair, 2012 Games Transport Board; Former Chair, London Legacy Development Corporation
12:40	Nation Building Opportunity and Legacy ▪ Old Trafford ▪ 2032 impact and legacy creating projects

Running Order	
	▪ Venues, transport and amenity ▪ Regional dividend Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Nicole Lockwood, CEO Infrastructure WA ▪ Simon Crooks, CEO, Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority ▪ Leah Kelly, Deputy Director-General, Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning ▪ Henri Murison, CEO, The Northern Powerhouse Partnership ▪ Panel: Becky Wood, CEO, National Infrastructure & Service Transformation Authority (NISTA)
13:40	Lunch
14:40	Nation Building Opportunity – Private Sector ▪ Private sector role in 2032 ▪ The right priorities ▪ Cost certainty in delivery ▪ Keeping cities working Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Sian Keast, Partner, MinterEllison ▪ Richard de Cani, Chief Officer for Global Business and Markets, Arup ▪ Christian Porter, Director – Clients and Markets, Laing O’Rourke ▪ Chris Edwards, Executive Director, Jacobs ▪ Panel: Scott Power, CEO, BMD Group
15:40	End of Catalyst sessions
19:00	Catalyst Brisbane Dinner with Liz Ellis AO, Chair, Netball Australia Venue: Blackbird, Riverview Room, 123 Eagle Street, Brisbane 4000 Co-sponsored by Arup & Lendlease

Friday 10 October 2025

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Running Order	
8:30	Delegate arrival
8:50	Welcome: Ticky Fullerton, CEO, Australian British Chamber of Commerce
9:00	Pathway to 2032, State Development Address: Damien Walker, Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
TBC	Federal Department Address: Jim Betts, Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sports and the Arts
9:30	Market Capacity Challenges ▪ National priorities for delivery and funding ▪ Battle for talent ▪ Succession planning
	Keynotes followed by a panel discussion ▪ Tim Reardon, Chief Commissioner, Infrastructure Australia ▪ Becky Wood, CEO, National Infrastructure & Service Transformation Authority (NISTA) ▪ Peter Anusas, General Manager UK & Australia, Empower Advisory (part of BMD Group) ▪ Panel: Jon Davies, CEO, Australian Constructors Association
10:30	Morning Tea
11:00	Games Transport Dividend for SE Queensland – A mode shift legacy ▪ Transport report card – Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast ▪ Regional connections and economic development ▪ Role of buses Keynotes followed by a panel discussion moderated by Howard Collins OBE , Coordinator General, Transport for NSW ▪ Sally Stannard, Director-General, Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads ▪ Graeme Newton, CEO, Cross River Rail ▪ Panel: Lorna Murphy, Director of Buses, Transport for London
12:00	Morning Tea
13:00	Green and Gold Legacy 2032

Running Order

- Delivering for Olympians
- Productive and sustainable infrastructure
- Social Value and Social Licence
- Decarbonising Transport

Keynote followed by a panel discussion moderated by Hollie Hynes, General Manager – Sustainability and Environment, Australia, Laing O’Rourke

- **Andrew Hopper**, Director-General Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games
- **Leon Daniels OBE**, President, UK Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport
- **Panel: Howard Collins OBE**, Coordinator General, Transport for NSW
- **Panel: Pat Howard**, Executive General Manager - Strategy Insights & Innovation, Australian Sports Commission

Young Ambassadors Take Out

Panel discussion moderated by Ynja Bjornsson, Senior Programme Manager, Australian British Chamber of Commerce

14:00

- **Angela Kelepurovska**, Assistant Development Manager, Lendlease
- **Nick Turner**, Senior Civil Engineer, Arup
- **Ty Wundenberg**, Structural Engineer, Mott MacDonald
- **Ivy Jing**, Senior Advisor, Infrastructure Advisory, The APP Group
- **Ellis McNulty**, Senior Project Engineer, Laing O’Rourke
- **Kim Boike**, Civil Engineer, Jacobs
- **Jack Swingler**, Senior Project Manager, Mace

Senior Truth to Power Panel

14:30

- What have we learned?
- What is holding us back
- What to take forward?

15:00

Catalyst Concludes