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Kia Ora

My name is Mark Binns and I am Chairman of Crown Infrastructure Partners Ltd.

I have been asked by Ministers Jones and Twyford to chair a Group to be called the Infrastructure Industry Reference Group to advise the Government on issues arising for the construction industry in NZ as a result of Covid-19. Other current members of the Group are Sir Brian Roche (NZTA) and Greg Miller (KiwiRail), others will follow.

We have been asked to prepare a list of truly “shovel ready” infrastructure projects that could be awarded immediately on remobilisation of the industry. In addition, we have been asked to identify what changes would be required, under urgency, to existing laws and processes to overcome any remaining obstacles to project start dates.

We are inviting industry participants, consultants, Local Bodies and other assets owners who have projects that fit the following criteria to provide us with a list for consideration.

Projects would need to meet the following general criteria:

- be truly ready for construction. We will only consider projects that are ready now or within a realistic 6 months. We will use our engineering adviser to form a very quick view on this and we will not progress anything at this point that falls outside this criteria
- be of an infrastructure nature. This does not necessarily mean just horizontal projects ( roads, bridges, water ) and would include schools, hospitals etc. It could also include private sector projects that could be repurposed for the public benefit -however please note we would not consider anything that was just for the benefit of private sector owners.
- is itself ( or as a package of similar projects ) of a significant size, so that employment benefits for workers ( either directly or as part of the NZ based supply chain ) is material. We will consider smaller projects in regions where projects are usually smaller, as we seek to get reasonable regional representation. However, given resource constraints it is unlikely that we would consider anything less than \$10m even in the smallest region.
- the project brings real value ( in an economic or social sense ) to NZ as a whole or the region in which it is located. The idea of building bridges to nowhere is not appealing.

If your organisation has projects, or been involved with such, that it believes fits these criteria please forward the list to [proposals@crowinfrasturcture.govt.nz](mailto:proposals@crowinfrasturcture.govt.nz) as soon as possible. You should note that we only have a finite resource to undertake the filtering process in such a short period of time, so anything half baked, or facing extended design periods, or obstacles which, to us and us alone, seem difficult, will be rejected out of hand. This reflects our need to work very quickly and not a cavalier attitude.

Crown Infrastructure Partners will be providing the support to administer this process but any final decisions on implementation will be made by the Government.

Any questions can be sent to the above email and we will have someone provide an answer, as soon as we can. We will also provide clarification on the project information required either through email or by posting this information on our website [www.crowninfrastructure.govt.nz](http://www.crowninfrastructure.govt.nz)

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Chair Infrastructure Industry Reference Group