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## Media Information

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### 2012 Federal Budget

The 2012 Federal Budget underscores the critical juncture we've reached on infrastructure planning and funding, according to Roads Australia.

"While the \$3.6 billion provision for completion of the Pacific Highway duplication by 2016 is most welcome, it is clear there is little Commonwealth funding to progress critical new projects," says RA President, David Stuart-Watt.

"It's disappointing that projects that already have State Government funding – like Melbourne's East-West Link and Metro Rail Tunnel project – have missed out on a Commonwealth contribution this time around.

"The cold, hard fact is that Australia has a long list of worthy projects and not enough dollars in the public purse to spread around."

Mr Stuart-Watt said last year's Infrastructure Australia Priority List contained projects valued at more than \$80 billion, including road and rail projects that are critical to the country's economic future.

"We're a long way from delivering these projects under the current funding and financing arrangements – even with private sector participation," he says.

"It's time that all levels of government committed to a comprehensive review of transport funding and pricing in Australia.

"We need to put all the cards on the table - including user-pays – and come up with a new model that better serves the community and national interest."

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