CONTINUING THE DEBATE - INNOVATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

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Abstract
Australia needs significant investment in its critical transport infrastructure. Traditional funding methods will not achieve the level of investment to maintain desired levels of liveability and productivity. Innovative funding methods are required at all levels of government to meet community and business expectations. Local government can play a role in raising awareness about alternative funding methods, encouraging debate and adopting their use to fund projects. Using case studies, this paper demonstrates the potential of innovative funding methods and calls for further debate on their use.

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