

STATUS QUO SNAPSHOT: AUSTRALIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE PACIFIC AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

REGION-WIDE

This is not intended to be exhaustive. Private infrastructure investment not connected to public entities is not considered here.

Programs & initiatives

- Trilateral Infrastructure Partnership (Australia, US, Japan)
- Blue Dot Network (Australia, Japan, US, UK, OECD)
- Asia-Pacific Project Preparation Facility (ADB manages; Australia co-finances)
- Australia Climate Finance Partnership (ACFP) – managed by ADB; \$140 million Australian contribution
- Emerging Market Impact Investment Fund (EMIIF) – \$40 million pilot program to be expanded into ADI (below)
- Australian Development Investments (ADI) – will be capitalised to \$250 million, expanding EMIIF
- Quad Infrastructure Coordination Group (Australia, Japan, India, US)

Australian contributions to regional institutions that finance infrastructure

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) – Australia has provided \$12.04 billion in capital subscription since ADB's founding, plus \$4.64 billion to ADB's special funds (not used exclusively for infrastructure)
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) – Australia has contributed \$1.087 billion in paid-in capital
- World Bank – \$589 million average annual contribution over the past 5 years (not used exclusively for infrastructure)
- Global Infrastructure Facility (GIF) – a World Bank and G20 initiative that provides technical assistance on sustainable infrastructure. Australia provides financial support for GIF
- Private Infrastructure Development Group – An initiative to assess commercial, currency and safety risk to encourage private investment. Australia has contributed \$54 million since 2012.

Australia uses multiple different mechanisms and means to contribute to meeting regional infrastructure needs. It provides grants and loans (both concessional and non-concessional), as well as utilising other financial instruments such as securities. It also finances or provides various forms of capacity-building and project preparation services. Some of this is financed from official development assistance (ODA), but not exclusively. Australia also makes contributions to multilateral development banks (MDBs) that finance infrastructure in the region.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

In 2015-19, Australia contributed 0.8% of OECD country finance.

Programs & initiatives

- Partnerships for Infrastructure (P4I)
- Vietnam Aus4Transport - \$30 mill in project preparation services
- Vietnam Climate Finance Network – cooperation framework with Japan and US
- Roads for Development Support Program (Timor-Leste)
- KIAT – Indonesia Australia Partnership for Infrastructure
- Climate and Infrastructure Partnership with Indonesia

Australia-financed projects

- Front End Engineering Design - scoping for undersea internet cable to Timor-Leste - \$1.5 mill (investment)
- Timor-Leste Airport Facilities Project - \$97.7 mill (loan & grant)
- VinFast electric bus and EV charging network Vietnam - \$44 mill (loan) contribution to ADB-led finance package
- Vietnam wind farms financing - \$41 mill (loan) co-financed with ADB, Japan and private financiers
- RMAF Butterworth redevelopment of shared facilities with Malaysian forces (Defence)

PACIFIC

Australia was the second largest donor of infrastructure development finance in the Pacific in 2015-19, contributing USD 94.1 million.

Programs & initiatives

- Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP)
- Pacific Climate Infrastructure Partnership (implemented by AIFFP)
- Bilateral ODA programs
- Defence Maintenance and Sustainment Program
- Defence Cooperation Program
- PNG Electrification Partnership (Australia, New Zealand, Japan, US)
- Australia Pacific Climate Partnership
- Solomon Islands Infrastructure Program 2021-2031 (\$276 million; 12 current projects)

Australia-financed projects

- Financing package to Telstra to support acquisition of Digicel Pacific - \$1.33 bill (debt & equity-like securities)
 - Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Connectivity Project (development of maritime port) – co-financed with ADB
 - Pacific Telecommunications Modernization Project (PNG) – co-financed with ADB
 - Coral Sea Cable (co-financed by Australia, PNG, Solomon Islands)
- AIFFP projects:**
- Airports Fiji maintenance and capital works - \$68.4 mill (loan)
 - East Micronesia internet cable (FSM, Kiribati, Nauru) – trilateral grant finance with US and Japan under discussion

- Fiji Transport Infrastructure Restoration Project – \$72 mill (grant & loan)
- Nadi Flood Alleviation Project (Fiji) – up to \$5 mill
- Nauru Airport Refurbishment - \$40 mill (grant)
- Palau Solar Plant Investment - \$31.4 mill (loan & grant)
- Palau Submarine Cable Branch System Project (PC2) - \$15.5 mill (loan & grant) contribution to joint project with Palau, US & Japan
- PNG Laitim Hauslain Project (electricity connectivity) - \$91.9 mill (loan & grant) contribution alongside Asian Development Bank
- PNG Ports Infrastructure Investment Program - \$621.4 mill (loan & grant)
- PNG Solar Plant – funding TBC
- Tina River Hydropower Transmission System (Solomon Islands) - \$32.3 mill (loan & grant)
- Wau and Sepik Highways (PNG) - \$76.3 mill (loan & grant)

Defence infrastructure projects (delivered as gifts to Pacific governments)

- Blackrock Peacekeeping & Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief Camp (Fiji)
- Lobrum Naval Base Joint Initiative (PNG)
- Cook Barracks and Tiroas Barracks Redevelopment (Vanuatu)
- Solomon Islands Infrastructure Sub-Program (Western Border Outpost & RSIPF Hells Point Explosive Ordnance Disposal Facility)
- Pacific Maritime Security Program (PMSP) Wharf Infrastructure upgrading work (all 13 PMSP partner countries)
- Maritime Essential Services Centre (Fiji)
- Pacific Medium Works Program (PNG and Cook Islands)