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Invest to Realise Population Growth's Potential

Both new and traditional approaches to financing infrastructure will be needed to reap the benefits available in population growth areas, says the National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA) in its 2014-15 Commonwealth Pre-Budget Submission.

The NGAA Submission, *Realising Population Growth's Potential*, proposes:

- **New approaches to infrastructure financing**
- **Government Community Infrastructure Funds**
- **Government partnering in projects to boost jobs and productivity**
- **A role for Infrastructure Australia in helping unlock growth areas' potential**

NGAA Chair, Mayor Paul Pisasale says, "The availability of affordable land, an existing industry base and a relatively young population in outer suburban growth areas, provide real opportunities to boost productivity and improve people's quality of life. We want to work with the Government to unlock this amazing potential and open the door to new and emerging industries and jobs of the future."

The priorities for Outer Suburban Growth areas are:

- Transport to boost business and jobs
- Industry development incentives and support
- Infrastructure to support learning and employment pathways

"It makes good sense to invest in these areas where 3.7m people¹ live and which are growing at double the national rate. Our research shows that investment will create jobs, increase tax revenues and permanently boost national GDP," he said.

"We believe that our proposals will assist the Government to implement its policies including boosting participation and productivity, building stronger communities and delivering a fair go to all Australians no matter where they live," Mayor Pisasale said.

"Growth area communities want to make a contribution to this nation as well as share in the opportunities it can offer. We are asking the Government to invest in growth areas to realise benefits for the whole of Australia," Mayor Pisasale concludes.

Please find attached a fact sheet.

Contact Geoff Setty on 0407 673 545 if you'd like any more information, to speak to Mayor Pisasale, or for a copy of the NGAA Budget Submission, which can also be found on NGAA's website www.ngaa.org.au.

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