

The value that roads deliver to the Australian community



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Added economic value (GDP) due to roads

1.3m

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We know roads are a vital part of all our lives and a huge enabler of economic activity in Australia.

But how can we measure the positive contribution they make to the community?

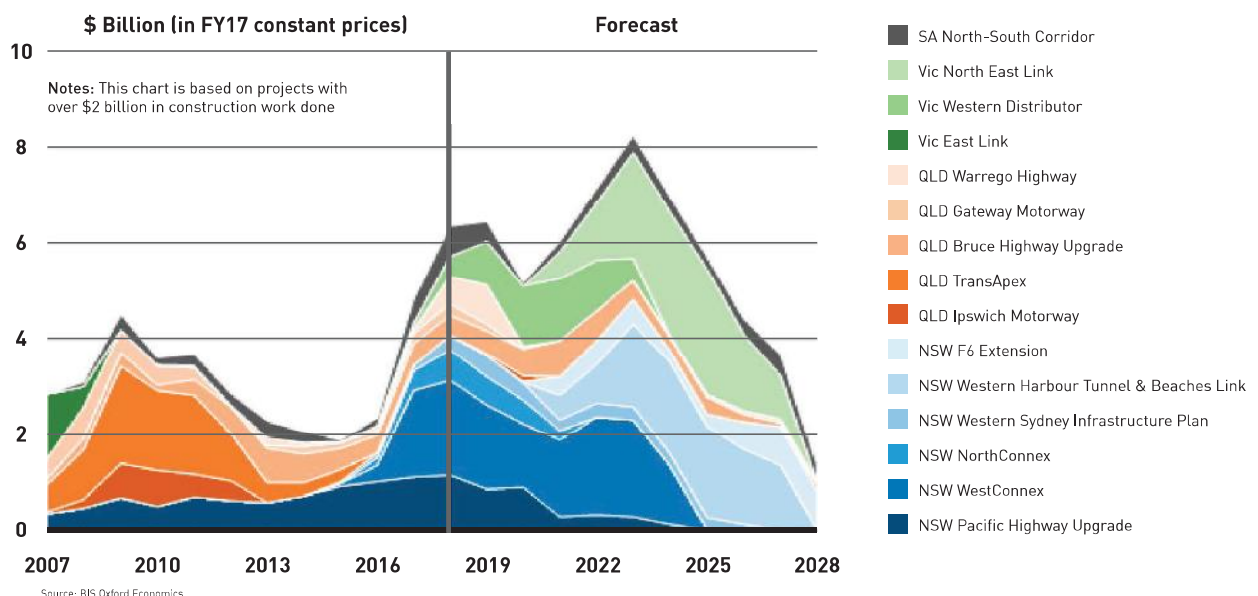
New research, commissioned by Roads Australia, seeks to quantify this massive economic and social value. It finds that activity associated with the roads industry contributes **\$206.8 billion per year** worth of economic value to the economy and supports almost **1.3 million jobs**.

This impact is set to grow over the coming decade, with **\$22.7 billion of roads projects funded** in the next five years, and \$25.4 billion for the five years after that.

Australia's vast road network is a vital social and economic resource that underpins Australia's economic activity and makes our lives better in ways that are as powerful as they are often invisible. Roads are an essential part of an integrated transport system, which includes the safe and efficient movement of people and freight by all modes of transport.

Research undertaken by BIS Oxford Economics for RA quantifies the massive benefits that roads provide and will continue to provide across the economy and community well into the coming decade.

F1. Major Road Projects above A\$2bn



The value that roads deliver to the Australian community

Included in this analysis are positives provided by roads that are not generally well understood in the community.

This includes enabling improved health outcomes and other essential services; facilitating low emission transport options like light rail and bike paths (which often use the road network) and providing people with the option of improving quality of life by living away from major cities.

In terms of the broader value, the report uses Economic Impact Analysis to estimate that the roads industry underpins employment to the tune of **1,295,000 full time equivalent positions and contributes \$206.8 billion a year to the economy.**

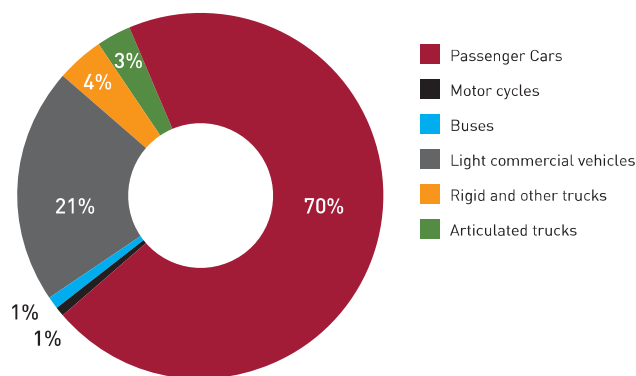
Or to put it another way, **one dollar out of every \$25 generated in the economy spins out of the roads industry.** And when the broader freight logistics industry is factored in, that figure doubles.

The report indicates these benefits will continue to flow over the next decade, with a boom in road projects providing much needed stimulus to an economy that is currently beset by low business investment and sluggish consumer spending.

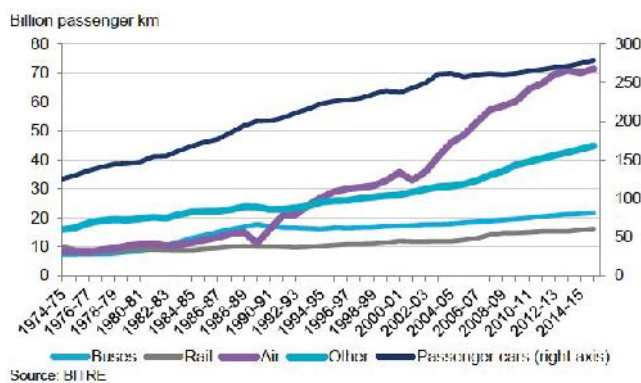
The transport infrastructure pipeline is worth \$22.7 billion over the years to 2022/23 and \$25.4 billion over the following five years.

This investment in the road network will help accommodate a growing population and increased urban density, and help make our cities more productive and less congested.

F2. Mode share of road kilometres, 2017/18



F3. Australian domestic passenger task, by mode of transport



F4. Australian domestic freight task, by mode of transport

