



# Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific



The Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP) supports transformative infrastructure to underpin sustainable economic growth in Pacific island countries and Timor-Leste.

**ON 1 JULY 2019, THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE NEW AUSTRALIAN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING FACILITY FOR THE PACIFIC (AIFFP) WAS OPEN FOR BUSINESS.**

This \$2 billion infrastructure initiative significantly boosts Australia's support for infrastructure development in Pacific countries and Timor-Leste. The AIFFP invests in high priority infrastructure in the region and will focus on key economic enabling infrastructure such as telecommunications, energy, transport and water infrastructure. The AIFFP will offer both grant and loan financing for government and private sector projects.

Australia has a long track record of supporting critical infrastructure in the Pacific region. The AIFFP builds on the work of the Australian aid program over many years to enhance the capacity of Pacific governments to construct and maintain critical infrastructure. Australia continues to work hand-in-hand with our Pacific partners on these transformative projects through the AIFFP.



All infrastructure supported through the AIFFP will be built to withstand the impacts of climate change and natural disasters. The AIFFP will fund projects which support renewable and lower emission energy generation and transmission.



Building new sanitation facilities in Muri, Cook Islands, 2012. Photo: AusAID

“We now look forward to receiving specific proposals from our partners, and will be looking to support a range of transformative and long-lasting projects.”

Australian Foreign Minister and Minister for Women,  
Senator the Hon Marise Payne.

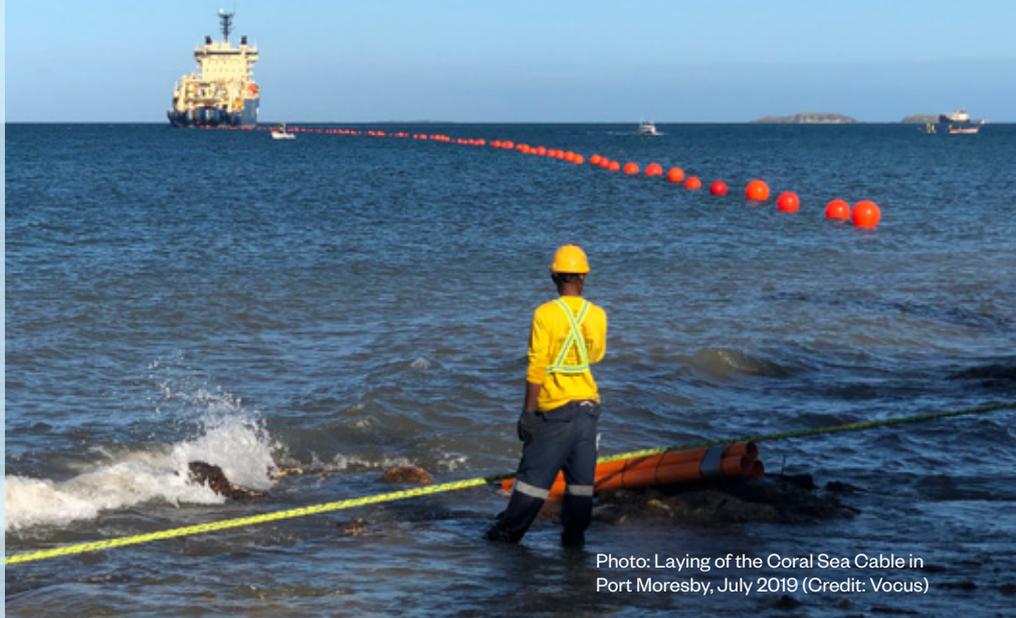


Photo: Laying of the Coral Sea Cable in Port Moresby, July 2019 (Credit: Vocus)

Australia is engaging closely with governments across the Pacific, including through our diplomatic missions, to ensure the AIFFP supports the development priorities of Pacific countries. The AIFFP will continue to work with Pacific partners to identify projects that support transformative and sustainable economic growth.

The Asian Development Bank estimates the Pacific needs USD 3.1 billion in infrastructure investment per year to 2030.<sup>1</sup>

The AIFFP is actively looking for opportunities to work with bilateral and multilateral partners and the private sector.

The Office of the Pacific within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade manages the AIFFP.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please see [www.aiffp.gov.au](http://www.aiffp.gov.au). If you have queries on the work of the AIFFP or wish to submit project proposals, please contact the team on [aiffp@dfat.gov.au](mailto:aiffp@dfat.gov.au).

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2 BILLION AUD INVESTED THROUGH THE AIFFP WILL SIGNIFICANTLY BOOST AUSTRALIA'S SUPPORT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN PACIFIC COUNTRIES AND TIMOR-LESTE.

DFAT will release a tender for a Construction and Project Management Panel for the AIFFP by the end of 2019. All upcoming tenders are published on AusTender ([www.austender.gov.au](http://www.austender.gov.au)). Interested stakeholders are also encouraged to visit DFAT's Business Notification page, which publishes designs, concepts, updates and expressions of interest ([www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au)), and to join the DFAT Supplier Network on LinkedIn.

The AIFFP will fund high quality infrastructure that is responsive to the needs of partner governments, maximises local private sector participation, uses local labour, is climate and disaster resilient, promotes gender equality and social inclusion, and includes appropriate safeguards. The procurement panel will ensure the companies selected to build AIFFP projects are able to comply with these criteria.

1. <https://www.adb.org/publications/asia-infrastructure-needs>