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AGIC participates in 2009 National Infrastructure Conference

The Australian Green Infrastructure Council (AGIC) is proud to be participating as a sponsor, endorser and presenter in the delivery of the *Australian Financial Review National Infrastructure Conference* on 1 and 2 April, 2009. The theme of the conference is *Building and Investing in the Future*.

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Minister for Infrastructure is among the keynote speakers to speak at the 2009 conference on this crucial issue. The minister will outline government plans to ease urban congestion and improve the flow of freight nationally.

Other eminent speakers include John Edwards, Chief Economist of HSBC; Phil Garling, Global Head of Infrastructure, AMP Capital Investors; Brendan Lyon, Infrastructure Partnerships Australia; John Fitzgerald, Deputy Secretary of the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance; David Marchant, CEO of the Australian Rail and Track Corporation; Chris Lynch, CEO, Transurban Group; and Professor David Hood, Chairman, AGIC.

The 2009 conference will focus on:

- State and Federal Government priority infrastructure projects
- Infrastructure for the mining sector
- The impact of Infrastructure projects on business
- The effectiveness in speeding the flow of freight to businesses and export customers
- Easing commuter congestion; and
- Opening private infrastructure to competitors.

The future of infrastructure financing will be a key topic for the conference with restrictions on government funding putting renewed emphasis on private sector involvement. How risk in financing is managed and allocated and accessing superannuation funds will also be examined.

Mr Hood said the conference is critically very timely, considering the world's deepening financial crisis.

"This conference will focus on the role that infrastructure can play in supporting economic recovery, and at the same time, address issues of sustainability by looking at infrastructure as a driver for change," Mr Hood said.

“This includes focusing on infrastructure that lessens our dependence on fossil fuels, delivers more sustainable outcomes for society and ensures that infrastructure is future-proofed against adverse climatic change.”

The Australian Financial Review **National Infrastructure Conference 2009** is endorsed by the Association of Consulting Engineers and will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Sydney on Wednesday April 1, and Thursday April 2, 2009 from 8:00am each day.

AGIC is a supporting sponsor of the conference, entitling AGIC members to an endorsing body rate of \$1870.00 (inc GST).

To register, visit www.afr.com/events or call 1800 032 577.

