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Dear Senator

**Senate Estimates - Point of clarification on IA CEO**

I am writing to clarify the process for the appointment of the Infrastructure Australia (IA) Chief Executive Officer as raised on 22 October 2018 at the 2018-19 Supplementary Budget estimates.

Prior to the *Infrastructure Australia Amendment Act 2014*, IA was led by an Infrastructure Coordinator who was appointed by the Minister. As part of the reforms to IA in 2014, the Chief Executive Officer position was created, with the IA Board provided the authority to appoint a CEO. The appointment for the CEO has followed the same process since 2014.

As per the Cabinet handbook, matters that are considered to be of public interest, importance or controversy should be considered by Cabinet, this includes significant Government appointments, including the appointment of the CEO of Infrastructure Australia.

I trust this clarifies the process.

Yours sincerely

Steven Kennedy

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