

Senate Economics References Committee

Inquiry into the future of Australia's steel industry

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Steel purchasing requirements for Commonwealth-funded infrastructure projects

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development does not mandate the use of local products for its infrastructure projects. The Infrastructure Investment Programme is delivered under the terms of the National Partnership Agreement on Land Transport Infrastructure Projects (NPALTIP). The Commonwealth Procurement Rules do not apply to projects administered under the NPALTIP. Responsibility for procurement arrangements under the Infrastructure Investment Programme rests with the State and Territory governments who comply with their respective legislation and policies.

However, the NPALTIP does include a requirement for States and Territories to provide a Local Industry Participation Plan (LIPP) for all projects in receipt of Commonwealth payments over \$20 million. The purpose of the LIPP is to encourage full, fair and reasonable opportunity for Australian industry to compete for work in major public and private projects in Australia, but is not specific to products use.