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Identifying Infrastructure Needs

- Original audit identified series of policy, pricing and regulatory gaps
- Current work – demand driven
 - **National ports policy**
 - 50 year plans for each port
 - Single environmental approvals
 - Collaboration
 - International KPI's to be published annually
 - **National freight policy**
 - Pricing policy on national freight network



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- Current work – demand driven
 - **Regional and urban water policy**
 - Review security of water supplies for major cities
 - Review security and quality of water supplies for regional towns
 - Improved organisational structures, planning and pricing
 - **Cost benefit analysis published in June 2010 report**



Using existing infrastructures more efficiently

- Clear objectives, transparently monitor progress towards them, ensure incentives support progress
- Regulation only where and to extent necessary
- Industry structure to promote competition
- Neutral taxation
- Financing and ownership controls to align the incentive of organisations with policy objectives
- Coordination of strategic government decisions especially land and demographic planning



Promoting efficient infrastructure investment decisions through better regulation

- Pricing
 - Transport, water (urban and regional)
 - Establish road pricing to price road use, raise revenue for new infrastructure, combat congestion and encourage efficient travel choices
- Governance
 - Streamlining current duplication
 - Better link of revenue, spending and property rights of users
- Freight Policy
 - National network, pricing regime



Reforming the communication sector

- National Broadband Network.
 - Key enabling technology for supporting development of 'smart infrastructure' that can achieve efficiencies across all infrastructure sectors:
 - Smart energy meters
 - Intelligent transport systems/dynamic tolling
 - Efficient water technology
 - Functional separation was a reform option