

# TOPIC 18 – FINANCING & INVESTMENT IN NUCLEAR INFRASTRUCTURE

Monday, 30 November 2015

Conference Room, Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission  
Level 5, 50 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000

## Mr Mark Higson, Independent Consultant, UK (7am via video-link)

Mark Higson is an energy specialist with extensive experience working in the UK government on energy market reform, privatisations, economic regulation and asset management. Prior to becoming an independent consultant, Mr Higson was the CEO of the UK Office for Nuclear Development where his work focused on facilitating private investment in nuclear new build by removing potential barriers. Mr Higson has held a number of senior leadership positions in government agencies in the UK, including Head of Nuclear for the Department of Energy and Climate Change and Director of Postal Services for the Department of Trade and Industry. He holds a First Class Honours Degree in Chemistry from Cambridge University.

### Topics to be addressed at this public session:

- ⊕ Key lessons learned about building investor confidence in the energy sector from developments in the UK electricity market
- ⊕ Strategies adopted by the UK government to encourage investment in nuclear new build projects.

## Mr Brendan Lyon, Infrastructure Partnerships Australia (9am via video-link)

Brendon Lyon was appointed Chief Executive of Infrastructure Partnerships Australia (IPA) in 2008, which is a non-government organisation built on a public policy partnership between Australia's federal and state governments and the private sector. The work of IPA focuses on opportunities for infrastructure policy and market reform, networking, and research and data collection about the Australian infrastructure market. Mr Lyon currently serves on a range of boards and committees, including the Board of Transport for NSW and the ACCC's Infrastructure Regulation Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and holds a Masters of Business Administration with Distinction. Mr Lyon has authored and contributed to a large number of research and policy papers dealing with infrastructure funding, financing and sectoral reforms.

### Topics to be addressed at this public session:

- ⊕ Key drivers behind recent trends in infrastructure investment in Australia
- ⊕ Conditions necessary to attract greater long term investment in infrastructure in Australia.