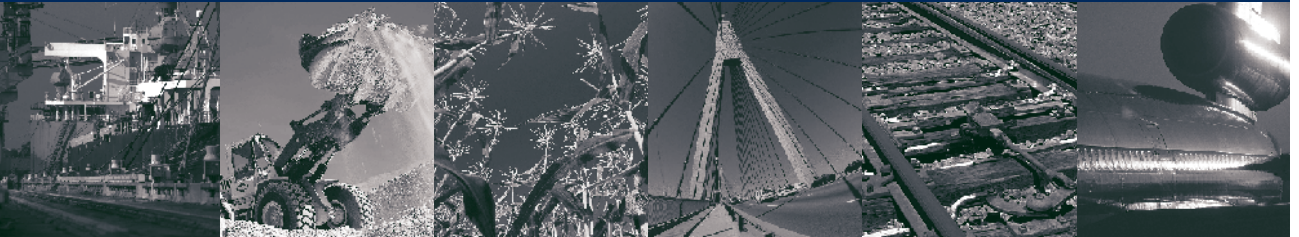




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# Annual Report 2007–08



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## Australian Government

### Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Secretary

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government for the year ended 30 June 2008.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the 2007-08 edition of the Requirements for Annual Reports for Departments, Executive Agencies and FMA Act Bodies; and section 63 of the *Public Service Act 1999*, which also requires that you table the report in the parliament.

The report summarises the Department's performance and includes our audited financial statements as required by section 57 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*. It includes other information such as that required by:

- paragraph 5.15(2) of the Airports (Environment Protection) Regulations 1997;
- section 29 of the *Air Navigation Act 1920*;
- section 20 of the *Aircraft Noise Levy Collection Act 1995*; and
- various whole of government Acts as highlighted in the table of contents.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Taylor'.

Michael J. Taylor  
SECRETARY  
20 October 2008

cc The Hon Gary Gray AO MP  
Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and Northern Australia

# GUIDE TO THIS REPORT

## What this report covers

The Department's annual report focuses on explaining how the resources entrusted to it have been used. Our report:

- takes into account the Requirements for Departmental Annual Reports issued by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) in June 2008;
- uses data, photographs and other materials from a range of sources to put our activities and results into context; and
- tells you where you can obtain the other annual reports we are required to publish or contribute to.

As this report contains photos, it may contain images of deceased persons and of places that could cause sorrow.

## How information is presented

Key terms and acronyms are explained as they are introduced, and are listed from page 409.

Tables throughout the report use notations as follows:

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Amounts are generally rounded to the nearest million dollars. All totals are the rounded sum of unrounded amounts and thus may not be the strict sum of the figures presented.

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This report is also available on our website <[www.infrastructure.gov.au/department/annual\\_report/index.aspx](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/department/annual_report/index.aspx)>. We publish it in a variety of digital formats to make it accessible to the largest possible audience, including people in regional areas and people with a disability. It is usually available online the day after it is tabled in the Parliament.

Before making decisions or acting on information in this report, you are advised to contact the Department. This report was up-to-date when it was tabled, but details do change over time due to legislative, policy and other developments.

Equally, if you have suggestions about how we could improve our annual report, please let us know.

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We are results oriented • We are honest, professional and accountable • We are client and stakeholder focussed • We are committed to improving our skills • We are diverse, trusting and respectful of each other

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