



Social Risk & Australia’s infrastructure sector



What are **social risks**?

Social risks are **threats to individuals’ or communities’ livelihoods** resulting from **social changes** precipitated by major projects. These risks may be **perceived** (e.g. the threat of a project outcome or possibility of socio-environmental damage) or **actual** (e.g. loss of community amenity or access to locally important areas). Social risk management involves the **identification, assessment** and **mitigation** of these risks.

The majority of professionals working in community engagement report that **social risk management plays a major role** in project outcomes



Improved social risk management presents an important opportunity to **build trust** in the sector and improve community outcomes.

Results of the 3rd Annual ANU I2S State of Infrastructure and Engagement Survey of 189 infrastructure sector professionals



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