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ENGINEERS CONFIRM LABOR LOUSY ON INFRASTRUCTURE

Crammed rail services, lousy roads, potential blackouts are confirmed as State Labor's legacy by Engineers Australia.

"Engineers confirming '...the State's infrastructure is under stress' highlights yet again that 16 years of Labor has been a disaster for NSW residents," Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Brad Hazzard, said today.

"During the launch of 'Infrastructure Report Card 2010 NSW', an Engineers Australia spokesman said that ***NSW is the worst performing of all the States***'.

"It seems Engineers Australia, the Federal Government's Infrastructure Australia and NSW residents understand what Kristina Keneally pretends isn't so – NSW is an infrastructure basketcase.

"As Engineers Australia highlight NSW infrastructure is in 'average to poor condition', it also confirms the NSW Liberals & Nationals proposal for a new independent, coordinating infrastructure agency is spot on.

"The report confirms that it is necessary to, 'develop an independent planning infrastructure advisory group to coordinate infrastructure planning and funding advice and to provide input to Infrastructure Australia'¹.

"Barry O'Farrell has already announced Infrastructure NSW will be established to coordinate infrastructure planning and give funding advice to the Government – if the NSW Liberals & Nationals are elected in March 2011.

"This report should be a wake up call to Kristina Keneally whose Government has been asleep for almost as long as Rip Van Winkle.

"It's time the Keneally Labor Government woke up to the infrastructure needs of this State and delivered improved rail, road and energy infrastructure.

"NSW deserves better and the Engineers Australia report confirms that Labor hasn't delivered what's needed for today, let alone tomorrow," Brad Hazzard said.

¹ Page 2/4 of media release Engineers Australia, 20 July 2010 'NSW infrastructure in average to poor condition'