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Call to formalise ISA for planned R1tr infrastructure drive

Public Works and Infrastructure Minister **Dean Macpherson** has called for the formalisation of coordination agency Infrastructure South Africa (ISA) through legislation to effectively lead the national infrastructure agenda, as it has a central role to play in project preparation and pipeline coordination.


He made this call after a more than R1-trillion infrastructure investment commitment was outlined by Finance Minister **Enoch Godongwana** in the third iteration of the 2025 Budget on May 21.

"ISA must lead the coordination, project preparation and planning of all major infrastructure projects. It has already proven itself capable of cutting red tape and getting projects into the ground where it is

involved," Macpherson said.

"South Africa must build on these successes through the formalisation of ISA in legislation to ensure that it has the legal mandate to turn South Africa into a construction site."

Macpherson welcomed the scale of infrastructure allocations in the National Budget, especially in transport, logistics, water and energy. This presents a clear opportunity to expedite economic growth, helping to create jobs.

"Infrastructure investment remains one of the most effective ways to achieve the Government of National Unity's goal to grow the economy and create jobs. As the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, together with ISA, we stand ready to play our part in achieving this goal. By working together, we are building a better South Africa." 

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