

The Politics of Suicide in Australia.

Our Physical 'Infrastructure' vs the 'Emotional Roads' of 24 Million Aussies.

\$5.5 Billion / Year on Infrastructure - \$41 Million / Year on beyondblue

This is **less the one percent** of infrastructure expense amount (see P3 for basic calculations)...
with 1,153 Road Fatalities but **2,864 Suicides - 1,711 more** in 2014.

Commonwealth/State Funding for beyondblue, 2014/15.

P2 of this download is from the *Consolidated Financial Statements* for Australia's Peak body for Suicide Prevention *beyondblue*, for the year ended 30 June 2015, which tells us...

- The Commonwealth, States and Territories contributed **\$41 Million** to *beyondblue*
- This was approx **78% of beyondblue total revenue** for this financial year.

Federal Funding for Infrastructure 2007-2014.

P3 is from Australian Parliamentary website which gives the '*Estimated Actual*' Federal expenditure on infrastructure across Australia from 2007-2014, which tells us...

In these 7 years a total of **\$38,379 Million** was spent or an average of **\$5,482 Million/year**

- **\$5.5 Billion/year.** (Approx)

Road Fatalities vs Suicides 1980-2013. (See detailed graph in 'Stats' menu bar)

During this 33 year period Road Fatalities have gone from **22.27** /100,000 of population in 1980 to **4.90**/100,000 in 2014, a reduction of **78%**.

While Suicides were **10.9**/100,000 in 1980, and were **12.2**/100,000 in 2014.

In ACTUAL deaths, this means suicides are currently more than **DOUBLE road fatalities**.

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In 2014 the then CEO of beyondblue, Ms Kate Carnell said the following...

*"beyondblue CEO Kate Carnell AO has expressed her deepest concerns after Australian Bureau of Statistics figures released today show suicide was the leading cause of death for Australians aged between 15 and 44 in 2012. The figures, which are preliminary, show 2,535 deaths have so far been recorded as suicide in 2012. This is equivalent to around seven per day or 37 men and 12 women each week, making suicide the 14th most common cause of death in the country. Ms Carnell said the figures represent a National Tragedy and should act as a call to action for all Australians to tackle the issue of suicide."** beyondblue media release 25.3.14.

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I wonder if there is any Politician in Australia who is able to tell their electors, **and elector's children** - why it is - that they think this situation may have developed?

Tim Barritt. Updated 31.7.16.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2015

	Consolidated		Company	
	2015 \$	2014 \$	2015 \$	2014 \$

6. Revenue

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Commonwealth Government	35,205,091	32,499,340	35,205,091	32,499,340
Australian Capital Territory Government	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
New South Wales Government	1,357,445	1,200,000	1,357,445	1,200,000
Northern Territory Government	39,609	39,586	39,609	39,586
Queensland Government	645,086	645,086	645,086	645,086
South Australian Government	278,000	278,000	278,000	278,000
Tasmanian Government	88,102	288,102	88,102	288,102
Victorian Government	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
Western Australian Government	393,033	393,033	393,033	393,033
	41,576,366	38,913,147	41,576,366	38,913,147

OTHER REVENUE

Donations	9,799,566	12,696,884	9,799,566	12,696,884
Distribution from trust for research projects	-	-	1,241,255	4,122,262
Other	582,365	556,145	582,365	556,145
	10,381,931	13,253,029	11,623,186	17,375,291

Total revenue	51,958,297	52,166,176	53,199,552	56,288,438
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7. Personnel expenses

Wages and salaries	9,536,458	9,246,144	9,536,458	9,246,144
Increase in liability for long service leave	70,542	(8,728)	70,542	(8,728)
(Decrease)/increase in liability for annual leave	(67,284)	65,000	(67,284)	65,000
	9,539,716	9,302,416	9,539,716	9,302,416

The auditor for the year ended 30 June 2015 is Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

TOTAL

$$\frac{35(678) + 6(118)}{52} \times 100 = 78.9$$

Infrastructure expenditure

Budget Review 2014-15 Index

Rob Dossor

The Treasurer announced in his Budget Speech 'a package of measures that will significantly increase investment in infrastructure across Australia'. [1] The infrastructure expenditure in the Budget for the years 2014-15 to 2017-18 totals \$28.5 billion. [2] The Budget also estimates that actual expenditure on infrastructure in 2013-14 will total \$6.9 billion, almost \$2 billion more than what is allocated in the 2013-14 Budget (\$5.0 billion). [3] New infrastructure expenditure increases so that in 2016-17, the last year of the 2013-14 Budget forward estimates, an additional \$5.1 billion has been allocated. This expenditure is shown in the chart and table below.

Infrastructure spending 2007-08 to 2017-18

	Estimated Actual	2013-14 Budget(a)
		\$ million
2007-08	3206	
2008-09	7204	
2009-10	5920	
2010-11	3797	
2011-12	7691	
2012-13	3642	3642
2013-14	6919	5026
2014-15		5177
2015-16		4669
2016-17		3959
2017-18		

Handwritten notes on the table:

- Red arrows point from the 2013-14 Budget (5026) and 2013-14 Actual (6919) to the calculation: $38,379 \div 7 = 5,482$
- Red text: "beyond the 5.5 BILLION/YEAR."
- Red text: "2007 → 2014"
- Red text: $\frac{41M}{5,482M} \times 100 = 0.74\%$
- Red text: "LESS THAN ONE"

(a) actual budget allocation for 2013-14, forward estimates for 2014-15 to 2016-17.

Source: Parliamentary Library analysis of: Australian Government, [Federal Financial Relations: budget paper no. 3: 2014-15](#) and previous years.