The Business School, WestNet Infrastructure Group and the Faculty of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics invite you to a public panel discussion addressing the key issues in meeting Western Australia’s projected demand in transport infrastructure over the next decade.

The discussion will include:
- a snapshot of major projects in WA: oil and gas, SWIS and NWIS, rail and port infrastructure;
- the international standards driving best practice in infrastructure management, such as PAS55;
- infrastructure reliability and efficiency;
- infrastructure life cycle and cost management;
- emerging challenges in building and sustaining human capability to utilise infrastructure effectively;
- the role of human and organisation design factors in determining infrastructure reliability; and
- examination of social dimensions in transportation management.

Moderated by Dr Doina Olaru, Lecturer in Management and Organisations, UWA Business School, the panel members include:

**John Fischer** – Executive Director Transport Policy and Planning, Department of Transport Western Australia

John is the Executive Director Transport Policy and Planning with the Department for Transport in Western Australia. He joined the Department in 2007 following a period of 32 years with Main Roads Western Australia.

John worked for 12 years in the regions including six years as a regional manager. He was also Project Director for the Graham Farmer Freeway project, the largest road project up to that time undertaken by the state road authority.

John’s current role has responsibility for Transport Policy including the movement of freight by road, rail, air and sea. He is also assisting in the infrastructure planning for port and rail development in the Pilbara and the Mid West.
John Cleland – Chief Executive Officer, WestNet Infrastructure Group

John was appointed Chief Executive Officer of WestNet Infrastructure Group upon the acquisition by Babcock and Brown Infrastructure (now known as Prime Infrastructure Holdings) of various Western Australian assets of Alinta Limited in September 2007. Previously, he was Chief Executive Officer of WestNet Rail, an appointment that was made concurrent with the purchase of a controlling interest in the business by BBI in June 2006.

Prior to his appointment at WestNet Rail, he spent three and-a-half years as General Manager Finance of Australian Railroad Group, on secondment from Wesfarmers Limited where he worked for eleven years in various commercial and management roles.

Dr Melinda Hodkiewicz – Discipline Group Leader for the Engineering Asset Management (EAM) Program, UWA

Melinda is responsible for the UWA cross-faculty postgraduate Business & Engineering Asset Management program, and the AIM-UWA Alliance Asset Management for Managers Executive courses. Melinda also teaches in Rio Tinto’s global Asset Management Professional Development program.

Melinda manages multi-disciplinary research projects in the areas of prognostics, asset data quality and life cycle costing with infrastructure, local government and the resource sector. She has a background in operations and maintenance primarily in the mining industry in the US and Australia and a PhD in condition and performance monitoring from UWA.

Melinda was recently nominated by Standards Australia to lead the development of a project proposal on behalf of Australian asset management stakeholders to approve a national mirror committee to represent Australia’s interests on the ISO international committee for asset management.

Date: Tuesday, 20 April 2010
Time: 5.30pm to 7pm, followed by refreshments
Venue: Tony Howarth Case Study Room, UWA Business School, Entrance No 4, Hackett Drive, Crawley

Registration is essential
To register, please email events@biz.uwa.edu.au