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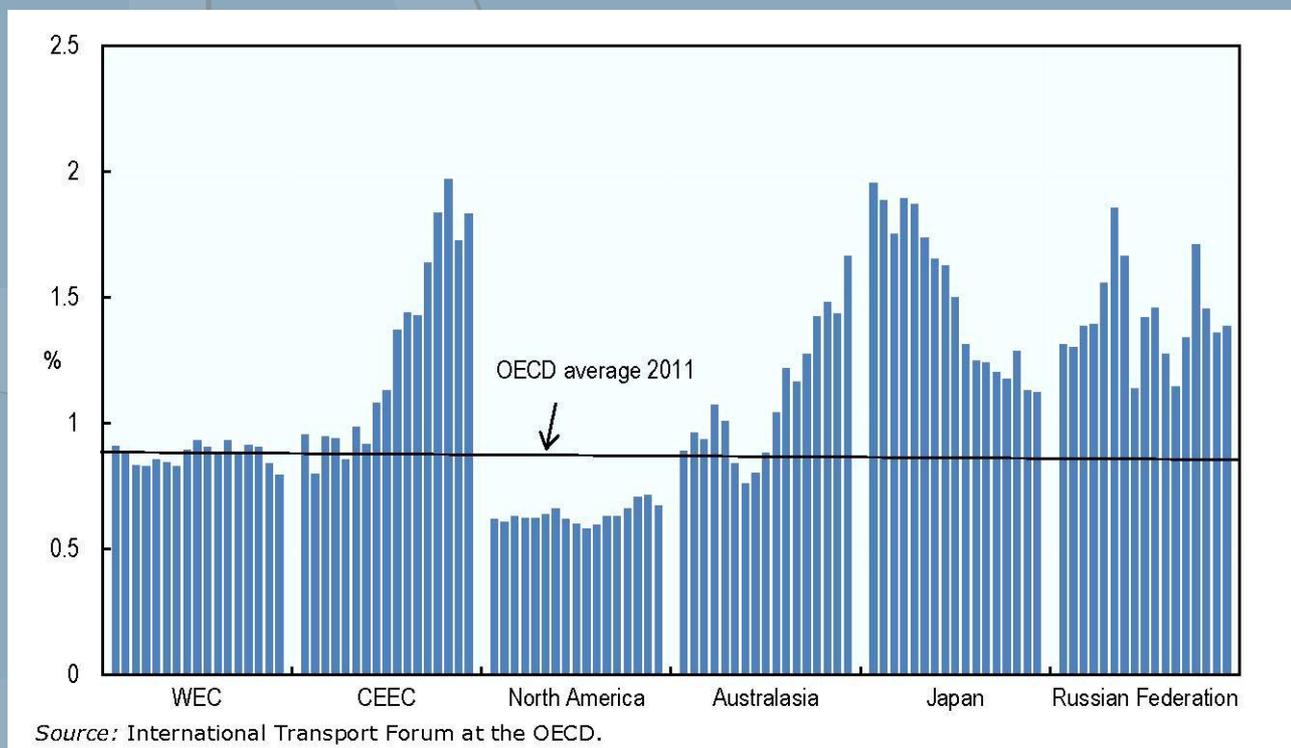
### Australia's inland transport infrastructure investment, as a proportion of GDP, is higher than the OECD average

This week the OECD is releasing its publication *Spending on Transport Infrastructure 1995-2011: Trends, Policies, Data* and an accompanying report *Understanding the Value of Transport Infrastructure – Guidelines for macro-level measurement of spending and assets*.

The reported statistics are based on a survey sent to 52 member countries. The survey covers total investment defined as new construction, extensions, reconstruction, renewal and major repair. Investment numbers include all sources (public and private) of spending.

The reports include measurements of Australia's transport infrastructure investment in comparison with other OECD countries. Figure 1, reproduced below, shows investment in inland transport (road, rail and inland waterways) by region. Australasia (Australia and New Zealand) has increased investment levels significantly since 2001. The region invested above the OECD average for the years 2003 to 2011. Australasia invested approximately 1.6 per cent of GDP in 2011.

Figure 1 Investment in inland transport infrastructure by region 1995-2011 - percentage of GDP at current prices and exchange rates



Note: Western European Countries (WEC) includes: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

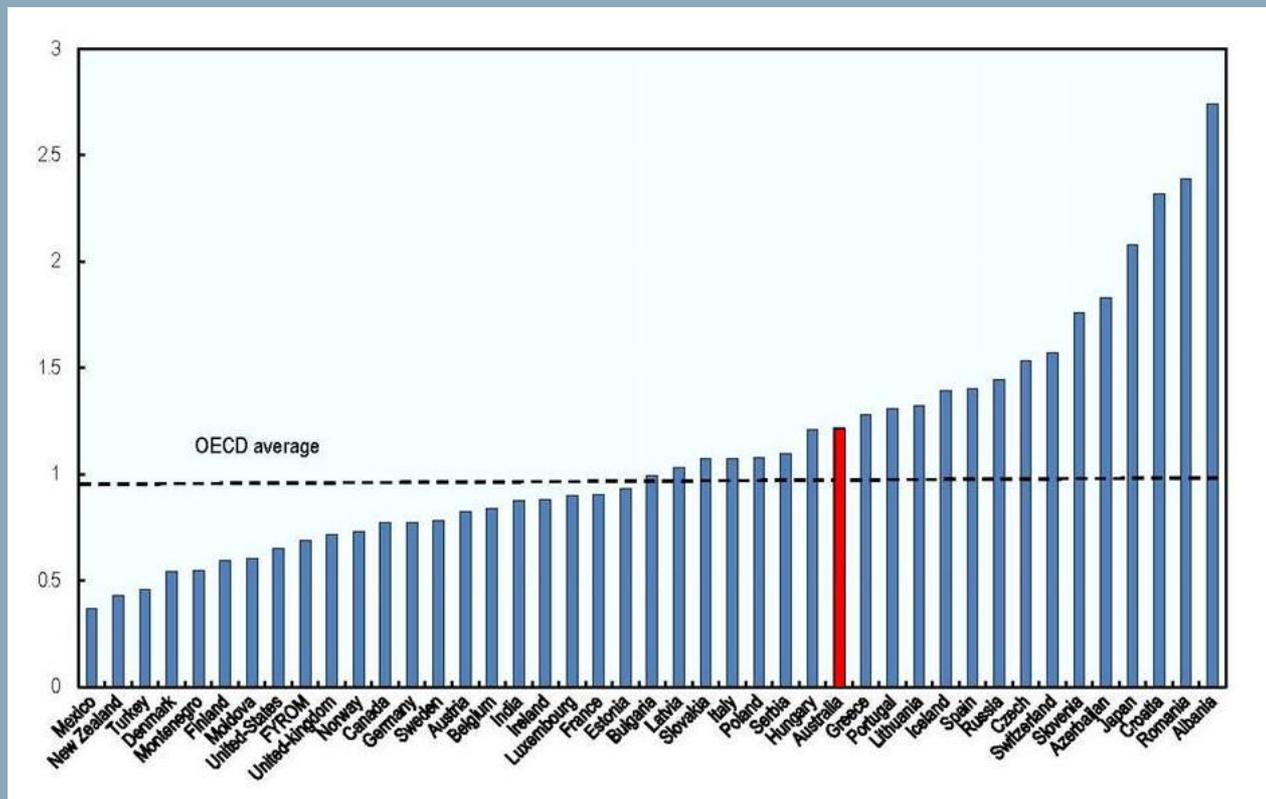
Central and Eastern European Countries (CEEC) includes: Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia.

North America includes: Canada, the United States and Mexico

Australasia includes: Australia and New Zealand

Figure 2 illustrates investment in road and rail infrastructure as a percentage of GDP. Australia's average (highlighted below) in the years 2000-2010 was approximately 1.2 per cent. This is above the OECD average which was below 1 per cent.

Figure 2 Investment in road and rail infrastructure as a share of GDP (average 2000-2010)



### Related releases

The reports are available at <http://2013.internationaltransportforum.org/>. Further detailed information on transport infrastructure expenditure by country can be found at <http://www.internationaltransportforum.org/statistics/investment/data.html>