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Investing in Ontario's Public Infrastructure:

A Prosperity at Risk Perspective

Providing the **Essential Lens** to Assess and Guide **Infrastructure Investment**

The majority Liberal governments at Queen's Park and Ottawa have an excellent opportunity to work together to invest $255 billion in public infrastructure over the next 10 years.

But much better data and metrics are essential to determine investment priorities.

A report by Toronto-based researchers – the Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis (CANCEA) – assesses Ontario's $130-billion, 10-year pledge through the lens of agent-based modelling (ABM). "Investing in Ontario's Public Infrastructure: A Prosperity at Risk Perspective" illustrates how traditional economic models cannot tell the difference between the impacts of public investment in infrastructure and ice cream. CANCEA was able to demonstrate the full spectrum of infrastructure's benefits, especially the multi-decade contributions to GDP, incomes, private investment and public sector revenues.

How is ABM different than other economic models? First, it uses a systems approach to measure an economy's potential performance. Second, the database includes all of the individual actors within the system and takes into account the relationship of these "agents" with a host of socio-economic factors, including infrastructure, housing, banking and health care, as well as non-financial events that translate into financial outcomes.

Given the large infrastructure deficit in Ontario, CANCEA's research found that for every $1 billion invested in Ontario's 10-year plan, $1.7 billion could be generated in provincial tax revenues, and $1.6 billion could be raised for federal coffers.

In an era of deficits, this funding must be targeted to where the returns will be highest.

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