

Lend Lease sets up Aussie PPP business

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Property developer Lend Lease Corp has set up a new operation to originate private public partnerships (PPP) with governments in the fields of health, justice, defence and education in Australia.

The Capella Capital business will be headed by former head of infrastructure at Babcock and Brown Asia Pacific John Bowyer.

The business will complement Lend Lease's other PPP operations with governments in the UK and UK.

Lend Lease said the PPP sector is a key part of its long-term growth strategy.

"We see the PPP market as an excellent growth opportunity for the group," global head of PPP Mark Menhinnitt said on Wednesday in a statement.

"The market continues to grow despite this tough economic environment and this partnership provides an excellent opportunity for multiple earnings streams for Lend Lease."

Mr Bowyer said the Australian infrastructure PPP market had good prospects.

Lend Lease has already made its first PPP equity investment as part of the Pinnacle Education Consortium.

It has reached financial close on a \$323 million South Australian new schools project, involving the building of six new schools in Adelaide.

Lend Lease is a 50 per cent equity investor and provided financial advisory and transaction management services to the consortium.

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