



## About the Investment Framework

SIIP uses an investment framework to assess and select each proposal or activity for support.

The Framework ensures each activity is aligned with SIIP's goal of creating local economic opportunities through a pipeline of high priority infrastructure projects. The Framework is guided by five Guiding Principles.

### SIIP's 5 Guiding Principles

1. **Aligned** with Solomon Islands' development priorities
2. **Inclusive**, accessible infrastructure in every province
3. **Resilient** to climate change and natural disasters
4. **Local jobs** and supporting local industry with skills and opportunities wherever possible
5. **Safe, quality and sustainable** planning, design and construction

### Investment Criteria

SIIP uses eight investment criteria to identify gaps or uncertainties in each proposed activity. Each criteria is scored 1-3 and provided to the Steering Committee<sup>1</sup> to support their final assessment.

1. **Relevance:** alignment with SIG strategies and SIIP goals.
2. **Economic benefit:** contributes to regional growth, productivity and jobs, and is economically viable.
3. **Social benefit:** benefits women, persons with disabilities and other marginalised groups.
4. **Local content benefit:** creates opportunities for local workers, companies, suppliers and other service providers.
5. **Efficiency/value for money:** approach is the most cost efficient way to achieve the expected benefits.
6. **Sustainability:** output/asset can be maintained and uses appropriate technologies and life-cycle practices.
7. **Climate change and disaster resilience:** resilient to future climate change and natural disasters.
8. **Risk:** Acceptable risks that can be managed cost-effectively.

## Proposal Assessment Process

### 1. PROPOSAL RECEIVED/SUBMITTED

MNPDC and/or DFAT Lead<sup>2</sup> develop or receive proposal. MNPDC and/or DFAT Lead undertake their own internal discussions as to whether they want to progress the proposal to the next step.

### 2. TECHNICAL DISCUSSION

MNPDC and DFAT Leads discuss proposal(s) and send to SIIP Hub for assessment.

### 3. ASSESSMENT

SIIP Hub analyses proposal using Investment Framework. Proposal scored with recommendations for next steps, eg:

- Draft Activity Concept Note (ACN) for Steering Committee to consider
- request more information on proposal
- Do not proceed, or other action.

### 4. TECHNICAL CONSIDERATION

SIIP Hub provides analysis, scores and recommendation to MNPDC/DFAT Leads to consider. Direction provided to SIIP.

### 5. CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

If proposal is to proceed, SIIP Hub drafts ACN, including Framework analysis, and submits to Steering Committee for their consideration.

### 6. STEERING COMMITTEE REVIEW

Steering Committee decides whether activity is approved.

### 7. IMPLEMENTATION

If approved, SIIP Hub implements activity.

1. **SIIP's joint Steering Committee** is co-chaired by Secretary to Prime Minister and Australia's High Commissioner.

2. **The Committee's joint Technical Leads** are the Permanent Secretary for National Planning and Development Coordination, and DFAT Counsellor – Infrastructure. The Permanent Secretary for Finance and Treasury is also a member of the Steering Committee.