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35 **Abstract**

36 Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) have become a critical vehicle for delivering infrastructure  
37 worldwide. Yet, the use of such a procurement strategy has received considerable criticism, as  
38 they have been prone to experiencing time/cost overruns and during their operation poorly  
39 managed. A key issue contributing to the poor performance of PPPs is the paucity of an  
40 effective and comprehensive performance measurement system. There has been a tendency  
41 for the performance of PPPs to be measured based on their *ex-post* criteria of time, cost and  
42 quality. Such criteria do not accommodate the complexities and lifecycle of an asset. In  
43 addressing this problem, the methodology of sequential triangulation is used to develop and  
44 examine the effectiveness of a 'Process Management Life-Cycle Performance Measurement  
45 System'. The research provides public authorities and private-sector entities embarking on  
46 PPPs with a robust mechanism to effectively measure, control and manage their projects' life-  
47 cycle performances, ensuring the assets are 'future proofed'.  
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49 **Keywords:** PPPs, Infrastructure asset, Performance measurement, Future proofing, Australia  
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56 **Introduction**

57 Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) have become a critical vehicle for delivering infrastructure  
58 worldwide. In Australia, PPPs have been used to deliver both economic (e.g., roads, bridges  
59 and tunnels) and social infrastructure (e.g., hospital, stadium and school) (Duffield and  
60 Clifton, 2008). The Victorian State Government have used PPPs to procure 15 public schools,  
61 and in Western Australia (WA) to deliver a hospital, stadium and a prison to be functional  
62 before 2018 (Victoria Department of Treasury and Finance, 2015; WA Department of  
63 Treasury, 2015). In the United Kingdom (UK), there have been a total of 24 infrastructure  
64 projects delivered via PPPs since 2012, which include public housings, schools, roads, social  
65 care centres and hospitals (HM Treasury, 2013). PPPs have been and continue to form an  
66 integral part of many Governments' strategies for infrastructure procurement. Yet, they have  
67 been plagued with controversy, particularly in Australia and the UK, as they have been prone  
68 to experiencing schedule (i.e., pre-construction) and construction cost overruns and not  
69 delivering expected value during their operations and maintenance phases (Love *et al.*, 2017).

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71 A number of factors have contributed to the poor performance of PPPs (Hodge and Greeve,  
72 2004). However, the absence of an evaluation mechanism to manage their performance has  
73 contributed to their inability to deliver satisfactory outcomes to stakeholders and the  
74 community (Regan *et al.*, 2015). Accordingly, this has led Liu *et al.* (2015a) to suggest that  
75 the lack of an effective performance measurement system (PMS) in such projects may act as a  
76 trigger to produce sub-optimal service quality for an asset. The Australian PPP industry and  
77 markets are acknowledged as being mature (Hodge, 2004). Despite this maturity, most of the  
78 procured PPPs have not undergone any form of comprehensive performance evaluation in  
79 terms of what has been delivered (Hodge and Greve, 2007; Regan *et al.*, 2011). For instance,  
80 ineffective and incomplete measurement has been identified as a determinant of unsatisfactory

81 performance of in several PPPs, such as: (1) *Latrobe Regional Hospital* and *Deer Park*  
82 *Women Prison* (Australia); (2) *Ashfield Prison* and *Knowsley Park School* (UK); and (3)  
83 *Golden Ears Bridge* in Canada (House of Commons, 2003; Roth, 2004; Garvin *et al.*, 2011;  
84 Harris *et al.*, 2014; Whitfield, 2017).

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86 There is a widespread consensus that performance measurement is fundamental for business  
87 success (Bititci *et al.*, 2012). In fact, measuring project performance is a core activity of PPP  
88 contract management (European Investment Bank – EIB, 2011a). Performance measurement  
89 is a process of quantifying and reporting the effectiveness and efficiency of the action  
90 performed towards influencing organisational objectives (Neely *et al.*, 2005; Berg and  
91 Marques, 2011). Nonetheless, PPP performance measurement has received limited attention in  
92 the normative literature, especially within the context of social infrastructure assets (Liu *et al.*,  
93 2016). Rather than examining the advantages and disadvantages of PPPs, Yong (2010)  
94 suggested that there is a need for empirical research about how to structure and ensure a  
95 higher performance to achieve the predetermined policy goals and objectives. Against this  
96 contextual backdrop, this paper aims to empirically develop a robust PMS that can be used  
97 throughout a lifecycle of a social infrastructure PPP so that they can be ‘future proofed’. The  
98 paper commences with a review of the performance measurement and PPP literature and then  
99 using the findings obtained for adopting sequential triangulation approach develops a ‘Process  
100 Management Life Cycle Performance Measurement System’.

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## 102 **Performance Measurement**

103 The origins of performance measurement can be traced back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century; during the  
104 period when double entry bookkeeping played a dominant role (Johnson, 1972). In the 1950s,  
105 early globalization contributed to development of performance measurement and productivity

106 management with an emphasis being placed on financial-based measures (Keegan *et al.*,  
107 1989). This cost-based measurement, which was within the framework of management  
108 accounting, was widely used across the manufacturing, production and engineering industries  
109 during the 1970s and 1980s (Johnson, 1981).

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111 A distinct shift in economic thinking emerged from the 1960s to the 1980s led to a shift away  
112 from supply to demand led factors such as quality, time, flexibility and customer satisfaction  
113 (Slack, 1983). This resulted in performance measurement becoming a multi-dimensional  
114 construct laying the building blocks for Kaplan and Norton's (1992) *Balanced Scorecard* and  
115 Neely *et al.*'s (2001) *Performance Prism*. Thereafter, a number of studies have been  
116 undertaken that have contributed to development of PMS or empirical examination of their  
117 impacts on public or private-sector organisations (Greatbanks and Tapp, 2007; Pavlov and  
118 Bourne, 2011; Baker and Bourne, 2014; Nudurupati *et al.*, 2015). As a result of such research,  
119 the theoretical construct of performance measurement has matured into a robust system that  
120 aims to: (1) identify an organisations' success, customer satisfaction, and where problems  
121 exist and improvements can be made; (2) understanding an organisations' processes and  
122 determine what they do and do not know; (3) ensure the effective decision-making; and (4)  
123 indicate whether the expected outcomes have been met (Gunasekaran and Kobu, 2007;  
124 Franco-Santos *et al.*, 2012).

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## 126 **Future Challenges of Performance Measurement Research**

127 Despite its rise to prominence, performance measurement is being confronted with an array of  
128 new challenges, which have substantially impacted the effectiveness and efficiency of the  
129 PMS used by organisations (Pavlov and Bowman, 2015). This view is supported by Melnyk  
130 *et al.* (2014), who suggested that the increasingly dynamic business environment has resulted

131 in a need for new performance measures and/or metrics. A review of extant performance  
132 measurement confirms this view with additional challenges resulting from: (1) prediction of  
133 future performance; (2) complicated and dynamic business environment (e.g., culture or  
134 networks); (3) open innovation; (4) knowledge work; and (5) sustainability (Bititci *et al.*,  
135 2012; Harkness and Bourne, 2015). Limited empirical research, however, has been  
136 undertaken to identify how to solve the aforementioned issues within a PMS.

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138 PPPs possess a sophisticated development process and a stakeholder network, which are  
139 typically bound together by a long-term contractual arrangement and therefore have number  
140 of drawbacks, such as: (1) the propensity for contracts to be renegotiated; (2) the difficulty in  
141 writing such complex contracts; the more complete they are the higher the transaction costs;  
142 (3) incorporating mechanisms for inflation and changes in economic conditions that are  
143 beyond the control of the parties; and (4) difficulties in monitoring and rewarding service  
144 ensure assets are delivered effectively and efficiently to meet key stakeholders' expectations  
145 and predetermined strategic goals; this result in a dynamic business environment (Yong,  
146 2010).

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### 148 **PPPs and Performance Measurement**

149 A variety of definitions of PPPs can be found in the normative literature. The EIB (2004)  
150 defines PPPs as “the relationships formed between private sector and public bodies often with  
151 the aim of introducing private sector resources and/or expertise in order to provide and deliver  
152 public sector assets and services” (p.2). Similarly, The Public Private Infrastructure Advisory  
153 Facility (PPIAF) defines a PPP as involving “the private sector in aspects of the provision of  
154 infrastructure assets or of new or existing infrastructure services that have traditionally been  
155 provided by government”. In addition, a life-cycle of a PPP can be categorised by three

156 phases, (1): *Initiation and Planning* (e.g., selection and definition, PPP option assessment,  
157 organization and pre-tendering work); (2) *Procurement* (e.g., bidding, contract and financial  
158 close); and (3) *Partnership* (e.g., design and construction, operation, facility maintenance and  
159 handover) (EIB, 2011a).

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161 PPPs can take a variety of forms such as Design-Build-Operate-Maintain (DBOM), Design-  
162 Build-Finance-Maintain (DBFM), Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain (DBFOM) (NSW  
163 Treasury, 2011). They can also be categorised on the basis of their payment mechanism;  
164 availability-and demand-based models. The availability-based PPP is a regime whereby the  
165 government retains demand risk with the main form of revenue for a *Special Purpose Vehicle*  
166 (SPV) being a regular service payment derived from an asset based on a standard of  
167 performance that is being delivered. Contrastingly, for demand-based PPPs, demand risk is  
168 transferred to private entities, which operate built assets for the purpose of generating profits.  
169 Here revenues of the assets are yielded by charging third parties (i.e., end-users) rather than  
170 receiving service payments from the public sector. The procurement of social infrastructure  
171 such as hospitals, especially in Australia, has been typically delivered using an availability-  
172 based regime under the auspices of DBOM/DBFM/DBFOM contracts.

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174 Six common themes emerge from an analysis of the PPP literature (Kwak *et al.*, 2009; Liu *et*  
175 *al.*, 2015a): (1) roles/responsibilities of government; (2) concessionaire selection; (3) risk  
176 identification and allocation; (4) cost/time efficiency; (5) project finance; and (6) critical  
177 success factors (CSFs). There has, however, been a paucity of research that has attempted to  
178 identify how to comprehensively measure the performance of PPPs even though it is pivotal  
179 for ensuring Value for Money (VfM) for public clients throughout their life-cycle (Liu *et al.*,  
180 2014). Research on the use of PMS in PPPs has been limited as not many has not yet



181 completed their operational phase and thus key performance indicators (KPIs) have not been  
182 developed.

183 PMS have not been forthcoming as there has been a tendency to only focus on time, cost and  
184 quality (TCQ) in construction (Raiseback *et al.*, 2010; Love *et al.*, 2015). Nevertheless, with  
185 increasing demand for assets to add value during operations and maintenance and meet the  
186 needs to respond to ‘climate change’, their development has become a necessity. Table 1  
187 presents a summary of key studies that have examined PPP performance measurement.

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189 Table 1. Key research on PPP performance measurement

| <b>Authors</b>                      | <b>Measures</b>                        |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Grimsey and Lewis (2002)            | Cost                                   |
| Haskins <i>et al.</i> (2002)        | Cost                                   |
| National Audit Office (2003)        | Time and cost                          |
| Amos (2004)                         | Cost, quality and technical efficiency |
| Fitzgerald (2004)                   | Cost                                   |
| Sachs <i>et al.</i> (2005)          | Cost                                   |
| Blanc-Brude <i>et al.</i> (2006)    | Cost                                   |
| Anastasopoulos <i>et al.</i> (2010) | Cost                                   |
| Raisbeck <i>et al.</i> (2010)       | Time and cost                          |
| Anastasopoulos <i>et al.</i> (2011) | Cost                                   |

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191 Such studies have attempted to evaluate whether PPPs are capable of benefiting the input  
192 (cost) or output (time) of infrastructure projects. However, limited attention is being paid to  
193 PPP performance measurement from a “process” perspective, which is concerning with the  
194 project’s life-cycle deliverables (e.g., initiation and planning, construction, operation and  
195 maintenance) (Yuan *et al.*, 2009; Liu *et al.*, 2015a). Nevertheless, a delivery process  
196 synergized with public and private sectors enables PPPs to be unique and have an extremely  
197 dynamic business environment (Akintoye *et al.*, 2003; Yong, 2010). According to Love *et al.*  
198 (2015), a measurement approach that neglects to consider a “process perspective” will be  
199 unable to comprehensively capture the inherent complexities of PPPs.

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## **Research Approach**

Performance measurement can marry the ontology and epistemology of interpretivism, as practitioners' experience and insights can be considered when developing a new PMS (Neely *et al.*, 1997). To develop and test a PMS for PPPs, sequential triangulation (inductive-deductive) was adopted (Love *et al.*, 2002), which involved initially undertaking a qualitative study using exploratory interviews followed by questionnaire quantitatively analysed applying *Confirmatory Factor Analysis* (CFA).

### *Qualitative Study: Exploratory Interviews*

Research relying on interpretivism can either be quantitative or qualitative (Love *et al.*, 2002). Thus, exploratory interviews with key stakeholders of PPPs were initially conducted to understand current practice in performance measurement of PPPs. Interviewees' expert judgements were solicited to develop a 'Process Management Life Cycle PMS'. Meeting this objective through the use of interviews requires a sample size of 15 to 35 participants purposefully selected, who have specialized knowledge in the topic (Kumar, 1989).

A total of 25 in-depth interviews with senior practitioners who had been involved with the delivery of PPPs were undertaken over an eight-month period (Table 2). The interviews lasted from 60 to 90 minutes and were digitally recorded. Manuscripts were transcribed verbatim and then presented to each interviewee to verify their accuracy, correct errors or inaccuracies and provide clarification to comments that were made.

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Table 2. Information of samples of interviews

| <b>Interviewees</b>        | <b>Number</b> | <b>Organisations</b>       |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Public clients             | 3             | State Governments          |
| Project managers           | 3             | Construction               |
| Architects/design managers | 4             | Architectural              |
| Financial advisors         | 4             | Capital Investment         |
| Contract advisor           | 1             | Contract Consulting        |
| Legal advisors             | 3             | Law Firms                  |
| Procurement advisors       | 3             | Procurement                |
| Operations managers        | 2             | Asset Operations           |
| Asset managers             | 2             | Asset/Facility Maintenance |

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230 The interview questions focused on: (1) current PPP performance measurement; (2) the  
231 shortcomings of performance measurement of PPPs; and (3) direction for amelioration. At the  
232 beginning of each interview, an interviewee was asked to select a completed or on-going  
233 social PPP project with which they had been or were currently involved. The textual  
234 narratives compiled were analysed by using *NVivo 10* software package, which combines  
235 efficient management of non-numerical and unstructured data with powerful processes of  
236 indexing and theorising. The development and reassessment of themes as the analysis  
237 progressed accords with calls to avoid confining data to predetermined sets of categories  
238 (Silverman, 2006). Kvale (1996) suggests that *ad hoc* methods for generating meaning enable  
239 the researchers to access “a variety of common-sense approaches to interview text using an  
240 interplay of techniques such as noting patterns, seeing plausibility, making comparisons etc.  
241 (p.204).”

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243 *Quantitative Study: Questionnaire Survey and CFA*

244 A questionnaire survey was adapted to examine the feasibility of the conceptual PMS derived  
245 from the interviews. The conceptual framework is integrated with measurement perspectives  
246 as well as their relevant KPIs. Using the questionnaire survey the following hypotheses were  
247 tested:

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249 •  $F^1 - H_0$ : The measurement perspectives are *not significant* for measuring social PPPs.

250  $F^1 - H_1$ : The measurement perspectives are significant for measuring social PPPs.

251 •  $F^2 - H_0$ : The KPIs are *not significant* for measuring social PPPs.

252  $F^2 - H_1$ : The KPIs are significant for measuring social PPPs.

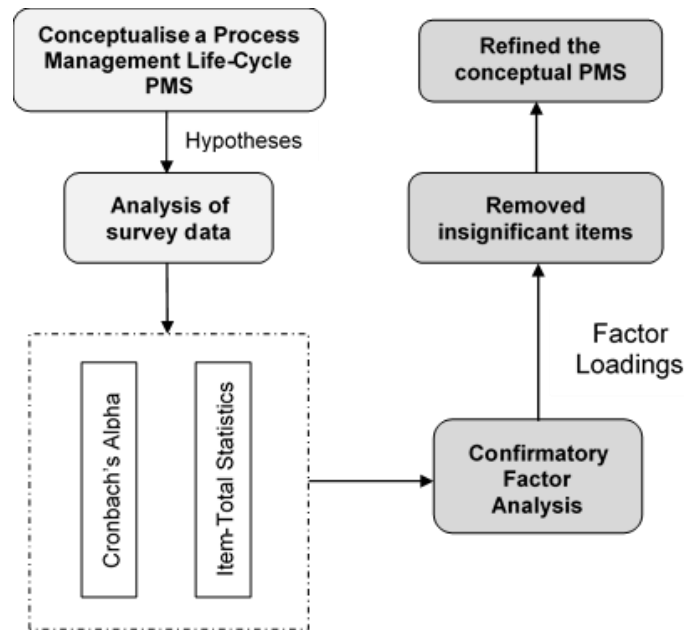
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254 The questionnaire comprised of the following sections: (1) Background Information (i.e.,  
255 respondents' experience, roles during PPP delivery and projects involved); (2) Performance  
256 Measurement Perspectives; and (3) KPIs used within each phase of a PPP project. As there  
257 had been a limited number of social infrastructure PPPs procured in Australia, purposive  
258 sampling was adopted to distribute the questionnaires (Foreman, 1991; Jin, 2010). Moreover,  
259 respondents from the public and private sectors were required to be knowledgeable of all  
260 aspects of a PPP lifecycle. As web-based survey tools are efficient for data collation and  
261 management (Nulty, 2008), the questionnaires were distributed to the selected respondents via  
262 *SurveyMonkey*.

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264 Using a 5-point Likert scale respondents were asked to draw upon their experience and  
265 knowledge to identify the significance of the performance measures and KPIs that had been  
266 derived. The data was analysed by using CFA, which is within the scheme of *Structural*  
267 *Equation Modelling* (SEM). It is a multivariate process formulated to examine how well the

268 variables being measured represent their construct(s). The process to conduct the analysis was  
 269 adapted from Yuan *et al.* (2012), which is presented in Figure 1. Notably, insignificant items  
 270 observed were eliminated from the conceptual PMS according to the ‘factor loadings’ (i.e.,  
 271 coefficients) of the CFA structural models.



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 273 Figure 1. Data analysis process (adapted from Yuan *et al.* (2012))

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 275 CFA is a theory-driven technique, relying on a pre-constructed knowledge. It aims to confirm  
 276 theoretical relationships rather than to explore the linkages between the observed items  
 277 (Schreiber *et al.*, 2006). In particular, CFA is suitable for examining the feasibility of a  
 278 conceptual model developed from a qualitative study or an in-depth literature review (Yuan *et*  
 279 *al.*, 2012). The configuration of CFA is formed according to the theoretical interrelationships  
 280 between observed and unobserved variables. Mathematically, CFA can be represented as:

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$$y_i = \nu + \Lambda \eta_i + \varepsilon_i \tag{Eq.1}$$

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 284 where  $\nu$  is a vector of intercepts;  $\Lambda$  stands for a matrix of factor loadings;  $\eta_i$  represents

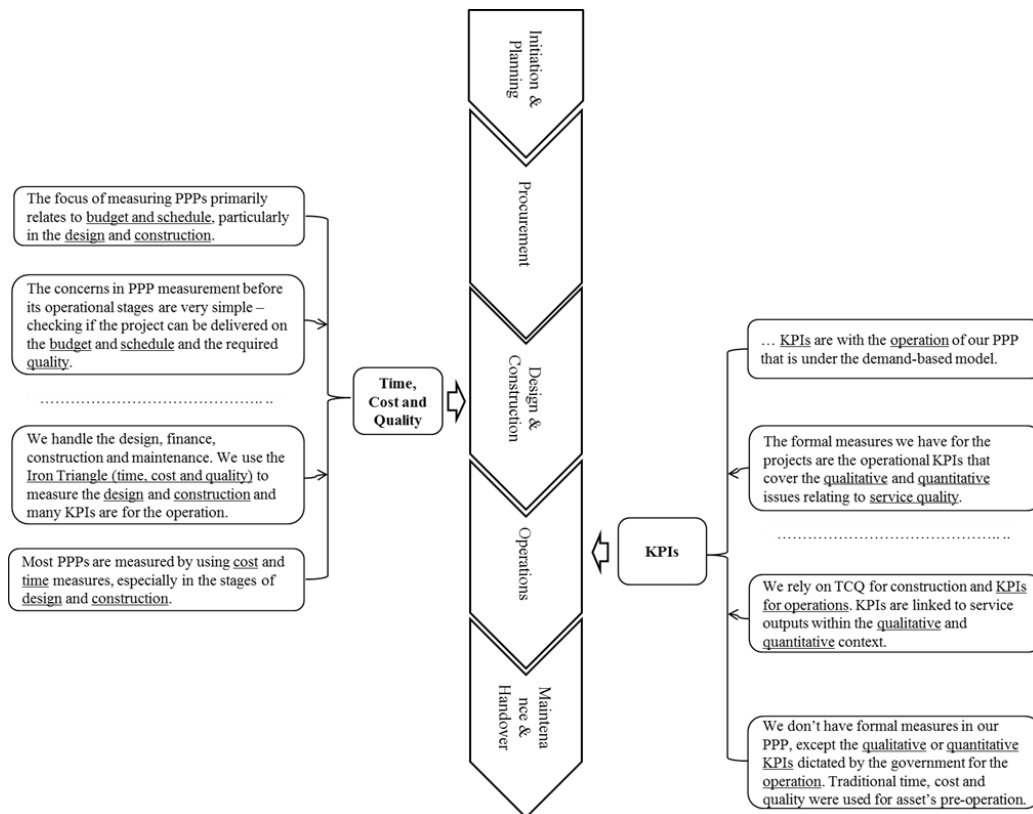
285 factor values; and  $\varepsilon_i$  denotes the vector of residual values. CFA has been widely used in a  
 286 variety of types of research and considered to be a robust tool for the hypothesis testing  
 287 undertaken for factor analytical problems (Yuan *et al.*, 2012).

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289 **Understanding Current Practice in Performance Measurement of PPPs**

290 Information derived from the interviews indicated that performance measurement of a PPP  
 291 project is comprised of two parts: (1) an evaluation for design and construction; and (2) a  
 292 measurement for asset operation. Put simply, as noted by the interviewees, design and  
 293 construction in PPPs are primarily evaluated by using TCQ, which are referred to as the ‘Iron  
 294 Triangle’ in project management. Contrastingly, measurements for operations of a built asset  
 295 are dependent on a series of KPIs, which are determined and agreed between stakeholders. A  
 296 summary of the key findings derived from the interviews is presented in Figure 2.

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299 Figure 2. Current practice in performance measurement of PPPs

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301 **Deficiencies of Current PMS within PPPs**

302 Existing performance measurement that are applied to social infrastructure PPPs were deemed  
303 to be myopic as they focus on TCQ. As a result, there is a tendency for long-term needs of  
304 stakeholders to be overshadowed, particularly in the case of schools or hospitals (KPMG,  
305 2008). This was acknowledged by a design manager who stated:

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307 “Delivering a PPP on time and on budget is very important, but there may be a need  
308 for measures to capture some intangible factors, for example, innovation in design.  
309 This is actually what the private sector should bring to a public project, but the  
310 approach we are using cannot reflect it.”

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312 Reflecting on the use of TCQ as a measure, a senior financial advisor proffered that the VfM  
313 assessment considered by the *Public Sector Comparator* (PSC) offers a mechanism for *ex-*  
314 *ante* evaluation which intends to provide the business case for PPPs and then enable potential  
315 non-financial benefits to be considered. However, it was made explicit that no mechanism  
316 was in place to measure whether nor not value and non-financial benefits were being attained.  
317 This issue has been repeatedly identified as a failing of PPPs, with an *ex-post* evaluation  
318 simply being a review of the final product rather than an assessment of the project’s entire  
319 performance (EIB, 2011b; Haponava and Al-Jibouri, 2012). A financial advisor interviewed  
320 stated that the lack of performance measures of non-financial benefits in *ex-ante* evaluation  
321 adversely impacts decision making and hinders the realisation of VfM.

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323 There were insufficient measures for systematically evaluating the ‘intangible’ issues that are  
324 critical to successful design/construction of the projects, for example, innovation, asset

325 sustainability and key stakeholder expectation. The public sector not only relies on private-  
326 sector entities to financially invest in infrastructure, but also draws on its expertise to  
327 engender innovation and develop a sustainable asset that is able to meet and possibly exceed  
328 stakeholders' needs.

329 Attention is drawn to Grimsey and Lewis's (2004) definition of VfM, which defines that "the  
330 optimum combination of whole-of-life-cycle costs, risks, completion time and quality in order  
331 to meet public requirements" (p.1); here emphasis is placed not only on time and quality, but  
332 ensuring minimal maintenance and sustainability during operations as well as public  
333 expectations. According to Grimsey and Lewis (2005) and EIB (2011b), too much emphasis is  
334 placed on the financial benefits that can be acquired from PPP projects; more importance  
335 needs to be placed on non-financial measures that examine social benefits to the community.  
336 Previous research supports this view, as PPPs have tended to act as drivers of non-financial  
337 benefits (i.e., in terms of asset design, choice of construction methods, material selection  
338 multi-functionality and contextual fit), therefore can significantly contribute to lowering the  
339 cost and risks or improving the physical outcomes (Himmel and Siemiatycki, 2017; Van den  
340 Hurk and Hueskes, 2017).

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342 An effective and efficient PMS can provide a PPP with the drive and direction towards the  
343 achievement of its strategic goals and the basis for decision-making. Within a PPP, key areas  
344 of focus (i.e., critical success factors) are defined and used to identify the needs of key  
345 stakeholders. In fact, KPIs are a mechanism for ensuring the needs of stakeholders have been  
346 satisfied. The interviewees (n=23) stated that KPIs are only specific to the operation in PPPs,  
347 though it was acknowledged that they should be distributed to other key areas such as  
348 initiation, design, construction and facility maintenance (FM). This is because KPIs can  
349 indicate the key areas needed to be improved, though they were deemed to be 'static' and



350 unable to respond to changing conditions of the operation of the built asset.

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352 An effective PMS must reflect the context where the relevant organisation operates; yet it  
353 would appear that this issue has not been adequately considered. Within the State of WA, a  
354 significant number of PPPs are now in operation. The KPIs being used were devised prior to  
355 the construction stage of the project. Therefore, the sustainability of such operational KPIs  
356 was deemed questionable by some interviewees. The interviewees defined the sustainability  
357 of KPIs in PPPs by their ability to be relevant and accommodate changes to an asset over its  
358 life. For example, PPP procurement director stated that “some private prisons in Australia are  
359 still currently under the KPIs that were designed in the 1990s though the capacities of the  
360 assets have been modified.”

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362 This experienced professional considered the operational KPIs of PPPs to be unsustainable to  
363 accommodate the change within the local business environment. A number of issues other  
364 than KPI sustainability emerged during the interviews with the two procurement advisors. For  
365 instance, limited attention was being given by public sector to measure project’s performance  
366 during its inception stages (e.g., business case, planning and procurement). This can  
367 contribute to substantial delays and budget overruns being experienced. For example, the  
368 Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre in Melbourne, Australia, took more than 25 months  
369 to reach financial close (Victoria Department of Treasury and Finance, 2012). Further, the  
370 process of measuring an asset’s impacts on the public (i.e., local communities) had not been  
371 considered and most likely would not be, as this would require a modification to the  
372 contractual conditions that were in place. Also, the scope of operational KPIs is limited, being  
373 unable to indicate whether the long-term success of the project has been achieved. In  
374 recognising these, an operation manager suggested:

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376 “The KPIs for operations of PPPs are too narrow. The indicators about long-term  
377 impacts of the procured assets/facility on the public (i.e., local communities/regions)  
378 are being overlooked, though they are very important. The government will have to  
379 carefully consider how to design them.”

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381 The views that were derived from the interviews about the practice in PPP performance  
382 measurement above can be summarised as follows: (1) traditional TCQ is unable to capture  
383 CSFs and uncertainties that exist in PPPs; (2) the financial-based assessment for V/M cannot  
384 completely reflect potential non-financial benefits provided by PPPs; (3) operational KPIs are  
385 not applicable to reflect whether or not all key stakeholders’ expectation have been met within  
386 a long-term period; (4) no formal mechanism is available for refining the launched KPIs; (5)  
387 gaps are in systematically measuring the preliminary outputs of PPP projects; and, (6) the  
388 social impacts of the assets are substantially ignored.

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### 390 **Improving Performance Measurement System of PPPs**

391 While acknowledging performance measurement is an imperative and there is a need for  
392 amelioration, interviewees were pessimistic that such an initiative would be implemented.  
393 Inertia of this nature appeared to stem from political unwillingness, structural rigidity  
394 hampered by contractual conditions and the absence of technological innovation. In WA, for  
395 example, the economic environment has changed as a result of the falling price of iron ore, oil  
396 and a reduction in the Goods and Services Tax. A rapid fall in revenue to the State’s budget  
397 has resulted in a reduction of infrastructure spending and therefore PPPs have become a  
398 valuable proposition for new infrastructure investment. A procurement director of the state  
399 government suggested “now it’s possibly the right time to address performance measurement

400 in PPPs so we can look at future proofing our assets”.

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402 *Process-based Measurement with Life-Cycle Learning Mechanism and VfM*

403 Most interview respondents (n=18) proffered that the PMS devised for PPPs need to address a  
404 life-cycle perspective so as to be able to accommodate inherent uncertainties (e.g., those  
405 relating to documentation, financing, taxation and technical details) that can materialise from  
406 the *pre-construction* phases of a project. In stark contrast, the procurement director of state  
407 government and an experienced financial advisor considered that a life-cycle approach for  
408 measuring PPPs was cumbersome to implement due to the complexity associated with the  
409 stakeholder network and a project’s longevity. However, innovative ideas to overcome such  
410 hurdles were promulgated. A leading procurement consultant suggested that a process-based  
411 evaluation is ideal for addressing a life-cycle perspective to measuring PPPs.

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413 A process-oriented approach is akin to the use of ‘stage gates’ and focuses on measuring the  
414 deliverable (i.e., tangible and intangible deliverables or outputs) of each project phase using a  
415 sequence of KPIs. This approach was reiterated by an architect, suggesting that “PPPs should  
416 be measured against the whole development processes of the projects rather than the finally-  
417 procured assets.” The whole process of a PPP is complex and uncertain due to their long-term  
418 contractual arrangements (up to 25 years). In addressing this issue, a procurement advisor  
419 interviewed suggested that a robust learning mechanism is required to support a  
420 comprehensive performance measurement in PPPs. He stated:

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422 “It is necessary for constantly refining the performance measures through an  
423 implementation of a learning mechanism, because the asset, macro environments  
424 and technology are subject to changing conditions over the project’s life-cycle. This

425 mechanism must be useful and robust for helping the client and SPVs to effectively  
426 and efficiently absorb the lessons learned from external and internal environments to  
427 identify what actions should be taken for improving outputs and renewing/updating  
428 existing KPIs to enhance the effectiveness of the project's PMS. And, a balanced  
429 abatement regime considering both public and private sectors' benefits might be  
430 requested as well for supporting a life-cycle evaluation of PPPs.”

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432 Interviewees who advocated a life-cycle performance measurement indicated that a realistic  
433 VfM assessment, which can be integrated with tangible and intangible issues was required to  
434 underpin this approach. Thus, it may be essential to place a strategic emphasis on the creation  
435 of VfM with its evaluation for both quantitative and qualitative outputs. Thus, a consideration  
436 of the contribution of a PPP to the local community will be required, for example, in the case  
437 of a school, its ability to enhance educational quality, and for a hospital to improve  
438 local/regional healthcare level. As stated by many interviewees (n=14), VfM is referred to as  
439 whether or not the built asset can be continuously valued throughout its lifecycle.

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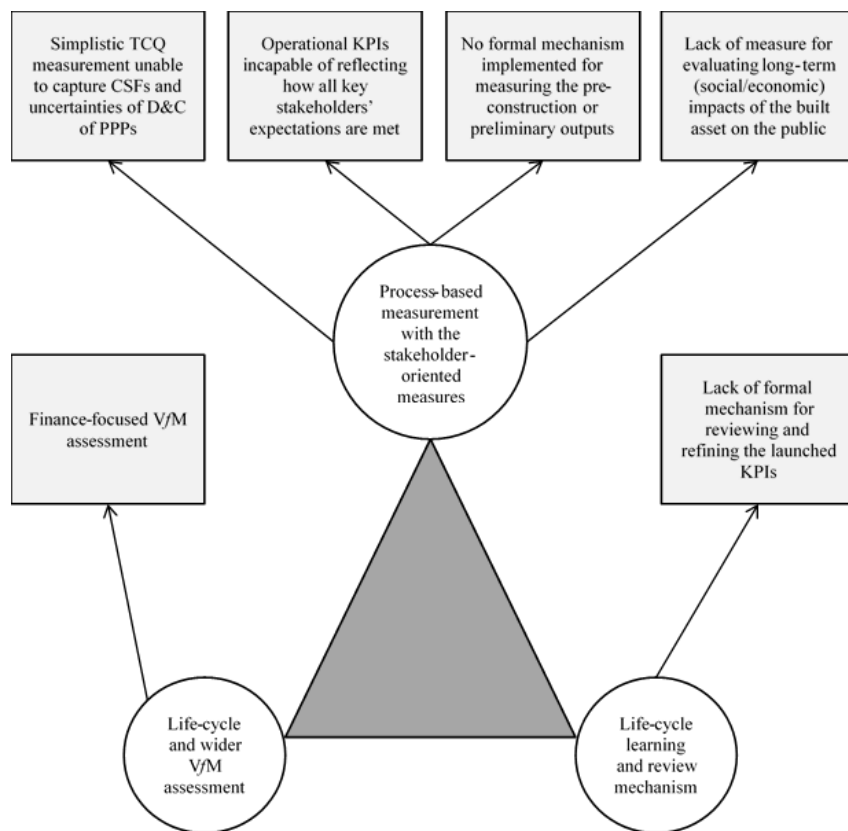
#### 441 *Stakeholder-Oriented Performance Measures*

442 A process-based performance measurement during a project's lifecycle needs to reflect the  
443 deliverables produced from each project phase. Bearing these considerations, then “what type  
444 of performance measures should be devised in a life-cycle PMS for PPPs?” It has been  
445 acknowledged that a complex stakeholder network acts as one of the defining features of  
446 PPPs. The majority of the interviewees (n=19) stated that a stakeholder orientation was a  
447 rational strategy for designing performance measures. The stakeholder-oriented measures  
448 should not only examine satisfaction, but also expectations and commitments. The public,  
449 who are customarily asset end-users or consumers, is a pivotal component of the stakeholder

450 network. Therefore, their needs must be married with the measures of a PMS. Furthermore, a  
 451 contract management adviser reinforced the requirements to enable employees to be satisfied  
 452 throughout the asset's operational phase, especially the impact that changing technology and  
 453 functional use can have morale and productivity.

454 A number of interviewees (n=13) also considered that measuring the performance of PPPs is  
 455 challenging as both public- and private-sector organisations needed to be considered.  
 456 Therefore, the fundamental capabilities of the involved organisations should be addressed as  
 457 the measures in the project's performance measurement (e.g., the private-sector entity's  
 458 financial infrastructure, skilled workforce, structure of service team and internal learning  
 459 mechanism). They stated that these issues are useful for key stakeholders in a PPP to identify  
 460 what problems are pertaining in the project and what actions will have to be taken for future.

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463 Figure 3. Recommendations for improving current PPP performance measurement

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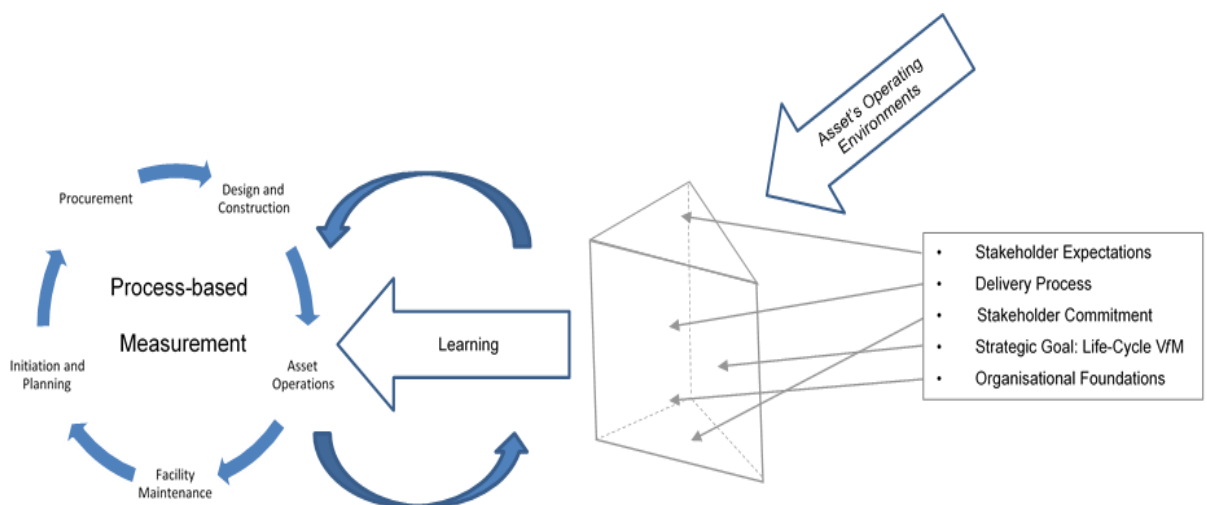
465 In summary, a sequence of recommendations is proposed from the interviewees for  
 466 ameliorating PPP performance measurement. These include an implementation of a process-  
 467 based measurement, which is supported by the stakeholder-oriented measures as well as a  
 468 life-cycle learning mechanism and VfM assessment. Figure 3 illustrates how these  
 469 perspectives are able to contribute to addressing the problems that are innate within the  
 470 current practice of PPP performance measurement.

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472 **Process Management Life-Cycle Framework and Relevant KPIs**

473 From the interview findings, a process-oriented framework that is integrated with stakeholder-  
 474 oriented measures for evaluating performance of PPP project was developed (Figure 4). The  
 475 framework is comprised of a total of five measurement perspectives: (1) stakeholder  
 476 expectation measures; (2) stakeholder commitment measures; (3) project delivery process; (4)  
 477 project strategic goal (i.e., life-cycle VfM); and (5) foundations of the involved organisations  
 478 (i.e., capabilities of public authority and private SPV). Learning and process-based  
 479 measurement mechanisms underpin this framework. The developed framework, denoted in  
 480 Figure 3, is contextualised according to a PPP’s lifecycle and presented in Figure 5.

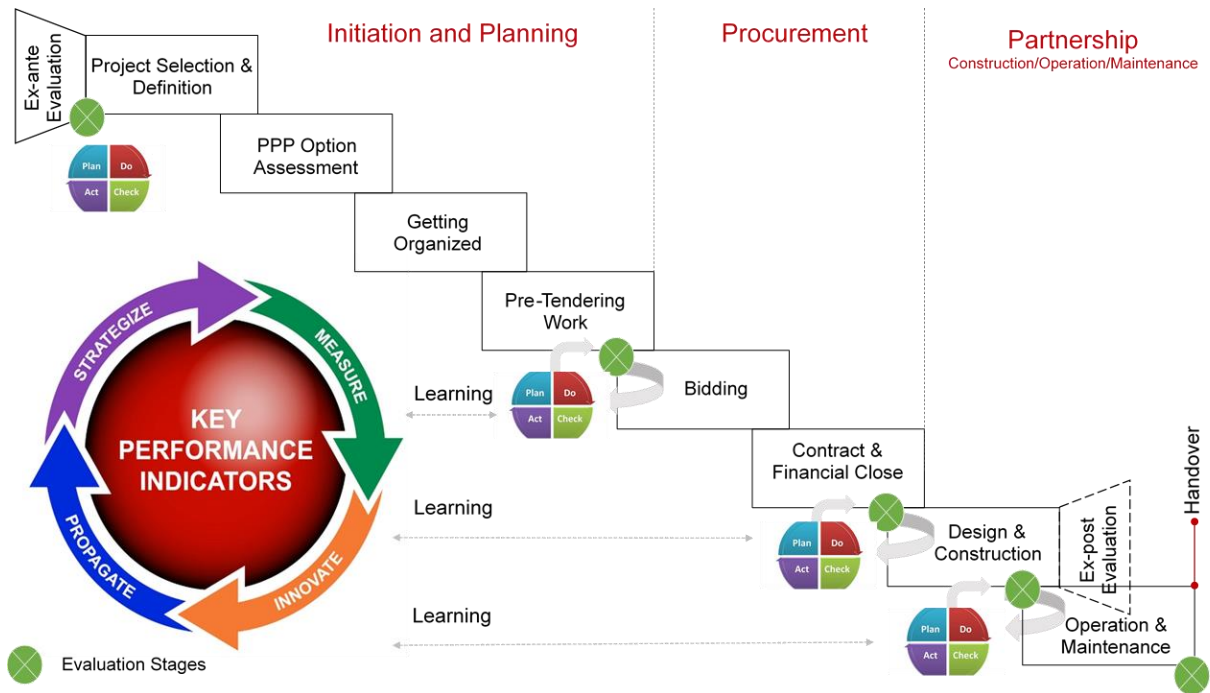
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483 Figure 4. Process Management Life-Cycle Framework (adapted from Neely *et al.* (2001))

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489 Figure 5. Process Management Life-Cycle PMS for PPPs

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491 A sequence of KPIs can be derived according to the measurement perspectives of the  
492 proposed PMS (e.g., key stakeholder expectation, project strategic goal, delivery process and  
493 key stakeholder expectation) (Appendix 1). Life-cycle V/M in terms of ‘future proofing’ of  
494 the built asset has been identified as a strategy of PPPs from the exploratory interviews. V/M  
495 is conventionally defined as ‘the optimum combination between the project’s whole life cost  
496 and quality’ (Office of Government Commerce, 2002). Nevertheless, it was implied from the  
497 interviews that a life-cycle approach to enabling V/M refers to not only the cost and quality of  
498 a project, but also an asset’s long-term ability to continue to be value into the future (i.e.,  
499 future proofing). Thus, KPIs relevant to the ‘facet’ of ‘Strategic Goal’ in Appendix 1 (KPI<sub>F2-1</sub>  
500 to KPI<sub>F2-3</sub>) are underpinned by this concept.

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502 Furthermore, the key stakeholders of a PPP throughout the project's life-cycle include public  
503 client, concessionaire, subcontractor(s), creditors (i.e. banks), shareholders, suppliers and end-  
504 users of the built asset (EIB, 2011a). As a consequence, KPIs relevant to the stakeholder's  
505 expectation and commitment encompass public client's expectation on innovative design and  
506 construction and sub-contractors'/suppliers' performance (e.g.,  $KPI_{F1-1}$  to  $KPI_{F1-12}$  and  $KPI_{F5-1}$   
507 to  $KPI_{F5-12}$ ). Notably, skilled employees, for example, procurement/legal/financial advisors,  
508 engineers and facility management (FM) professionals were identified as key stakeholders of  
509 a PPP; thus, KPIs with their expectations/commitments (i.e.,  $KPI_{F1-2}$ ,  $KPI_{F1-4}$ ,  $KPI_{F1-6}$ ,  $KPI_{F5-3}$ ,  
510  $KPI_{F5-5}$  and  $KPI_{F5-10}$ ) were proposed. Bourne *et al.* (2003) supports this point of view and has  
511 argued that employees are key stakeholders within the organisation as their performance is  
512 correlated to the organisational performance.

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514 Additionally, a sequence of process KPIs was derived. The indicators devised to measure the  
515 effectiveness of delivery process of PPPs need to capture the works to be completed in each  
516 phase of the projects (Liu *et al.*, 2015a). Essentially, a number of interconnected tasks can be  
517 identified throughout PPP development process, for example, evaluation for macroeconomic  
518 conditions, risk analysis/allocation, selection of concessionaire, finance close, asset's design,  
519 construction and operations/maintenance. Hence, KPIs under the process perspective of the  
520 developed PMS relate to the works listed above.

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522 Interface management (IM) is derived as the KPIs that have been emphasised across all  
523 phases of the life-cycle of a PPP project ( $KPI_{F3-9}$ ,  $KPI_{F3-13}$  and  $KPI_{F3-24}$ ). IM is the  
524 management of communication, coordination, and responsibility across a common boundary  
525 between two organizations, phases or physical entities which are interdependent. PPPs are the



526 projects that incorporate complex phases and are synergised by public authority and multiple  
527 private entities. The importance of IM in PPPs has been acknowledged by academia and  
528 practitioners (Chan *et al.*, 2005). Moreover, the organisational foundations of the public  
529 authority and private-sector entity involved with PPPs have been considered by interviewees  
530 above to be a focus of performance measurement of the projects. Therefore, a total of 15  
531 relevant KPIs were identified (KPI<sub>F4-1</sub> to KPI<sub>F4-15</sub>), such as skilled workforce, technological  
532 innovation, training and learning mechanism/system and knowledge management ability.

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### 534 **Testing the Process Management Life-Cycle PMS**

535 To test the feasibility of the developed the Process Management Life Cycle PMS, a CFA with  
536 the questionnaire-survey data was performed. A pilot survey was undertaken with 28 senior  
537 professionals within the Australian PPP industry in order to pre-examine the effectiveness of  
538 the research instrument. The responsive rate of the pre-survey achieved 89% (25 out of 28),  
539 which comprised of: (a) public sector: procurement consultants (6) and financial advisors (5);  
540 (b) private sector: architects (3), project managers (5), operation managers (3) and FM  
541 managers (3).

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543 After the pilot survey, 368 questionnaires were distributed to practitioners from the public and  
544 private sectors across Australia. A total of 141 responses had been received, 6 of which had to  
545 be discarded because of incompleteness. As a result, 135 valid datasets were used for  
546 quantitative analysis and the sample information is indicated by Table 3. While 63  
547 respondents (47%) were associated with the public authorities, the remaining 72 (53%) served  
548 for the private-sector entities within PPP projects. Ideally, CFA, which is under SEM, relies  
549 on a larger sample size; however, numerous studies have run CFA under a sample smaller  
550 than 200 (Chinda and Mohamed, 2008; Aibinu *et al.*, 2011; Rajeh, 2014). As identified by

551 Bagozzi and Yi (2012) and Molwus (2013), a sample size ranging from 100 to 200 is  
 552 acceptable for SEM.

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556 Table 3. Questionnaire survey samples

| <b>Groups of sample</b> | <b>Distributed</b> | <b>Received</b> | <b>Response rate (%)</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Public sector:</i>   |                    |                 |                          |
| Business case study     | 40                 | 26              | 65.00%                   |
| Procurement             | 71                 | 22              | 30.99%                   |
| Contract Management     | 62                 | 15              | 24.19%                   |
| <i>Private sector:</i>  |                    |                 |                          |
| Design                  | 46                 | 13              | 28.26%                   |
| Construction            | 59                 | 20              | 33.90%                   |
| Operations              | 51                 | 18              | 35.29%                   |
| Maintenance             | 39                 | 21              | 53.85%                   |
| Total:                  | 368                | 135             | 36.68%                   |

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558 The reliability of the research instrument was then tested by using *Cronbach's  $\alpha$* . A  $\alpha$  value  
 559 that is greater than 0.70 indicates a reliable measurement of a construct (Scott, 1981). The  
 560 corrected item-total statistics were used with the  $\alpha$  value throughout the reliability tests to  
 561 identify what items would have to be discarded in subsequent modelling. The items being  
 562 observed in a research instrument must be discarded if the values of their corrected item-total  
 563 statistics cannot exceed 0.30 (Nunnally and Bernstein, 1994).

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565 According to  $\alpha$  values derived from the entered dataset, a total of 4 items (e.g.,  $KPI_{F1-1}$ ,  $KPI_{F3-}$   
 566  $2$ ,  $KPI_{F3-14}$  and  $KPI_{F5-4}$ ) had to be excluded from the Process Management Life-Cycle PMS,  
 567 because their corrected item-total statistics were below the threshold value of 0.30. Again, the  
 568 reliability test had been performed after eliminating aforementioned items. The results show  
 569 that modified instrument has a higher  $\alpha$  value of 0.97 and the increased item-total statistics

570 ranging from 0.36 to 0.81. The empirical evidences indicate a high degree of internal  
571 consistency, suggesting that the questionnaire was reliable (Tabachnick and Fidell, 1996).

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573 A CFA was run after *Cronbach's*  $\alpha$  value tests. As mentioned above, CFA possesses the  
574 theory-oriented nature regarding observed and unobserved variables. Thus, based on the  
575 developed Process Management Life-Cycle PMS (Figures 4 and 5), the measurement  
576 perspectives and their relevant KPIs addressed as the observed variables, while the  
577 deliverables/outputs of each project phase of PPPs are viewed as the unobserved variables.

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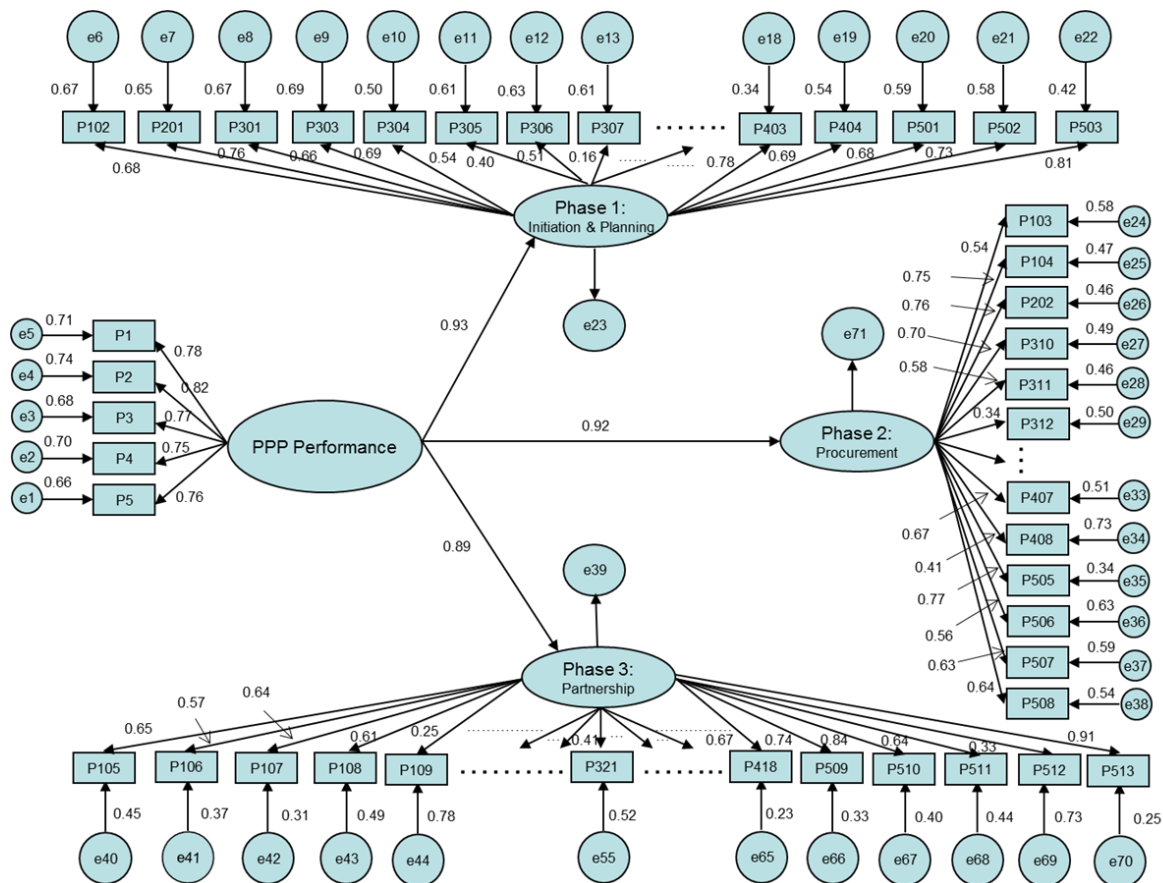
579 A hypothesised model of CFA (Figure 6) was initially formulated to estimate a covariance  
580 matrix of the survey population, which is used for comparing with an observed covariance  
581 matrix. In other words, this model was constructed for a purpose of examining whether or not  
582 the observe items (for example, measurement perspectives and KPIs) were significant to be  
583 implemented for measuring PPPs. Noteworthy, the items with comparatively low factor  
584 loadings (i.e., coefficients) that were under 0.40 were eliminated to modify the initial model  
585 and develop an optimal one.

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587 The CFA-hypothesised model is capable of capturing the Process Management Life- Cycle  
588 PMS, in which the process-based KPIs are under five measurement perspectives assumed to  
589 be causally significant to PPP performance. The path arrows and the coefficients in Figure 5  
590 are deemed to be the causal effects in terms of the contributions of the observed items to the  
591 outputs/deliverables of each phase and entire project life-cycle performance. Based on Figure  
592 6, the factor loadings of all performance measurement perspectives (e.g., P1: Key Stakeholder  
593 Expectation; P2: Project Strategic Goal; P3: Project Delivery Process; P4: Organisational  
594 Foundations; and P5: Key Stakeholder Commitment) that are emphasised by the developed

595 PMS (Figures 4 and 5) are 0.78, 0.82, 0.77, 0.75 and 0.76. These coefficients are under 5%  
 596 significance level, indicating that the perspectives proposed are significant to evaluate the  
 597 performance of PPP projects.

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601 Figure 6. Initially-hypothesised model of CFA

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603 A series of important implications are able to be derived from the empirical evidence relating  
 604 to KPIs. For instance, in the pre-construction phases (Phase 1: Initiation and Planning; Phase  
 605 2: Procurement), the coefficients of most KPIs are larger than 0.50 and are significant at 5%  
 606 significance level. This implies that the majority of the observed KPIs are valuable for  
 607 measuring PPPs. However, such four KPIs as P305 (KPI<sub>F3-5</sub>), P307 (KPI<sub>F3-7</sub>), P312 (KPI<sub>F3-12</sub>)  
 608 and P408 (KPI<sub>F4-8</sub>), were identified to be statistically insignificant, due to their comparatively

609 low factor loadings, that is., 0.40, 0.16, 0.34 and 0.42, respectively.

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611 The procurements of PPPs across Australia are underpinned by the auspices of well-designed  
612 national guidelines and process to enabling V<sub>f</sub>M is obtained (Infrastructure Australia, 2008).  
613 Therefore, the Australian state governments and an array of private entities have acquired  
614 considerable experience in delivering PPP projects. There exists a high degree of familiarity  
615 with resolving the issues with financing options, design of an appropriate concession period,  
616 governance of tendering and financial close. This may explain why the KPIs of PPP's for the  
617 finance option (KPI<sub>F3-5</sub>), concession period (KPI<sub>F3-7</sub>), financial close efficiency (KPI<sub>F3-12</sub>) and  
618 the government's ability in governing procurement phase (KPI<sub>F4-8</sub>) were considered to be  
619 insignificant by the respondents.

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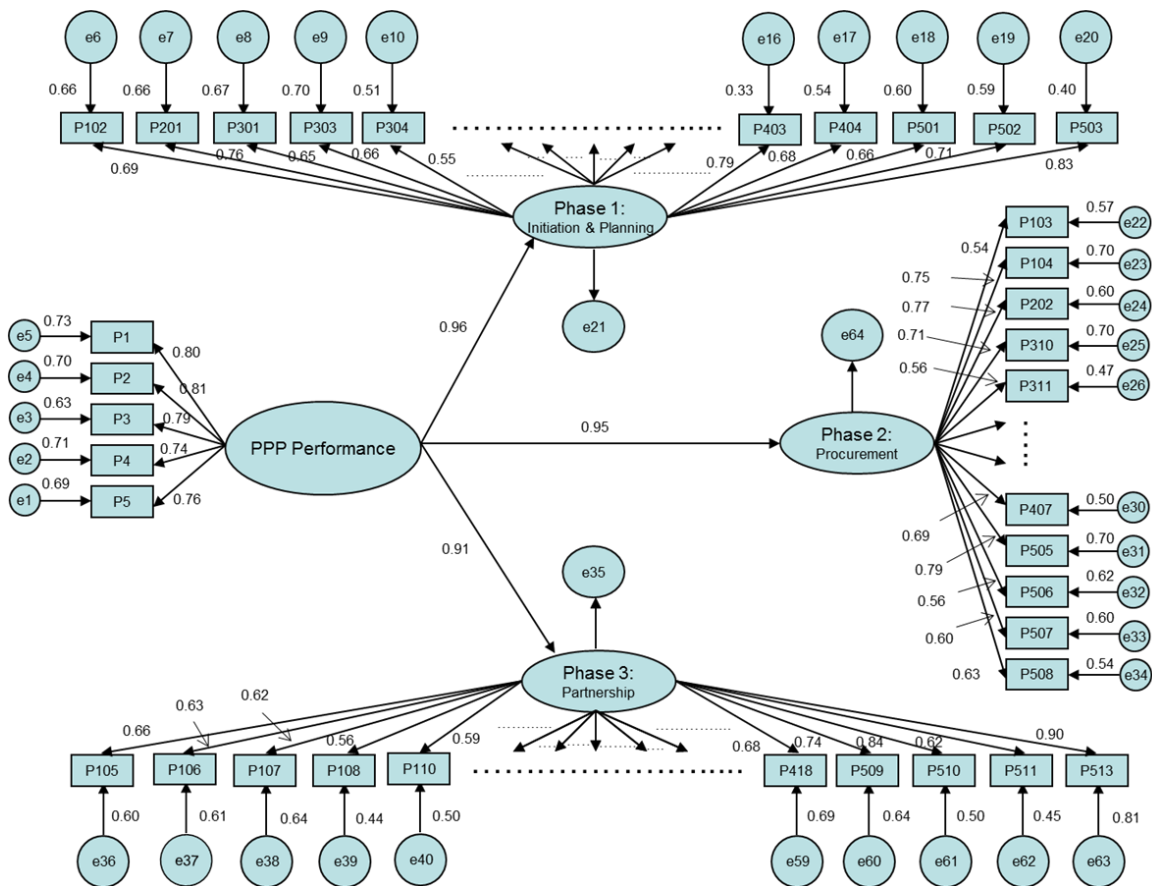
621 The empirical evidence generated by CFA also indicate that the coefficients of most KPIs  
622 under the *Partnership* phase (i.e., Phase 3) of PPPs exceed 0.50, except P109 (KPI<sub>F1-9</sub>), P321  
623 (KPI<sub>F3-21</sub>) and P512 (KPI<sub>F5-12</sub>), which have factor loading values of 0.25, 0.41 and 0.33,  
624 respectively. When the research was conducted, it was suggested that the effects of building  
625 product suppliers can be ignored when measuring a PPP's performance. A possible reason for  
626 this situation was due to the stability of the Australian construction materials market. Due to a  
627 decline in demand from China for minerals such as iron ore, material prices have fallen. The  
628 private consortia of PPPs have rarely faced challenges of unavailability/shortage of essential  
629 raw building materials during the delivery of their projects. This view is supported by the data  
630 issue by the *Australian Bureau of Statistics* (ABS) (2016), which indicates that the building  
631 material market in Australia is stable.

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633 In Figure 6, profitability is identified as an insignificant KPI. As addressed above, the

634 delivery of social infrastructure PPPs, particularly such projects as hospitals, prisons and  
 635 schools, is normally under the availability-based model. In this instance, private entities rely  
 636 on service payment received regularly from the government (i.e., monthly or quarterly) for  
 637 maintaining the availability of the facilities rather than the profits yielded by the operations of  
 638 the assets. The public and private sectors in social PPPs are concerned with effective and  
 639 efficient delivery of the projects with quality outputs/outcomes, rather than an enhancement of  
 640 revenues generated by the assets (Yong, 2010). Hence, project profitability as a KPI is not as  
 641 important in Australian PPPs as in the projects in some other countries where the demand-  
 642 based PPP regime plays a major role.

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Figure 7. Optimally-revised model of CFA

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647 An optimally-revised model was constructed after removing a set of insignificant KPIs (e.g.,

648 KPI<sub>F1-9</sub>, KPI<sub>F3-5</sub>, KPI<sub>F3-7</sub>, KPI<sub>F3-12</sub>, KPI<sub>F3-21</sub>, KPI<sub>F4-8</sub>, and KPI<sub>F5-11</sub>) (Figure 7). As illustrated it,  
 649 the factor-loading values of all observed items (i.e., five performance measurement  
 650 perspectives and 60 KPIs) in the CFA optimal model are larger than 0.50 and are significantly  
 651 correlated to the project performance of PPPs at 5% significance level.

652

653 Theoretically, an examination of the fit of CFA model depends on three Goodness-of-Fit  
 654 Indexes (GFIs), including *Chi-squared* ( $x^2$ ) statistic, *Comparative Fit Index* (CFI) and *Root*  
 655 *Mean Square Error of Approximation* (RMSEA). Goodness-of-Fit Indexes are widely being  
 656 used to indicate how well the structural model fits observations (Sanders *et al.*, 2006). Table 4  
 657 provides the benchmark values of such GFIs. The constructed structural model is deemed to  
 658 be ‘fitted’ if its GFIs are within the intervals of the benchmark values.

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660 Table 4. Benchmark values for examining the CFA model

| Goodness-of-Fit Indexes | Benchmark Values                           |
|-------------------------|--|
| $x^2$                   | $1 \leq x^2/Df \leq 5$                     |
| CFI                     | $\geq 0.90$                                |
| RMSEA                   | $0.05 \leq \text{Good Model Fit} \leq 0.1$ |

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662 The GFIs of the CFA optimal model (Figure 7) are 2.32 (*Chi-squared* statistic), 0.92 (CFI)  
 663 and 0.076 (RMSEA), which indicate a good model fit. Therefore, the proposed measurement  
 664 perspectives are all significant; 60 out of 71 derived KPIs passed the quantitative tests. These  
 665 findings rejected the null hypotheses of the questionnaire survey that were proposed from the  
 666 interviews and confirmed the feasibility of the developed Process Management Life-Cycle  
 667 PMS (Appendix 2 for the refined KPI dataset).

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## 669 Discussion

670 A Process Management Life-Cycle PMS of PPPs has been quantitatively tested above through

671 the use of CFA. Due to its characteristics, the developed system is capable of enabling PPPs  
672 to realise long-term success by substantially improving the deliverables of each project phase.  
673 The learning mechanism and process- and stakeholder-oriented measurement perspectives of  
674 the Process Management Life-Cycle PMS not only enhances the suitability and applicability  
675 of the KPIs, but also positively affect the project's planning, design, construction, operation  
676 and facility maintenance. These can contribute to improving the sustainability of an asset and  
677 increase end-user's satisfaction, enabling PPPs to provide VfM over the long-term period.

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679 The empirical results of the strategic goal factor loading values for the KPIs are high  
680 throughout a projects' lifecycle (Phases 1 to 3), ranging from 0.75 to 0.77 (Figure 7). Based  
681 on this finding, it is reliable to argue that the concept of future proofing needs to be addressed  
682 in performance measurement of PPPs. This complies with the view of Love *et al.* (2015), who  
683 have suggested that future proofing is critical for the long-term sustainability of infrastructure  
684 procurement.

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686 As noted in Figure 5, additional factor loadings of the three phases of PPP projects were 0.96  
687 (Initiation and Planning), 0.95 (Procurement) and 0.91 (Partnership). These values indicate  
688 that the outputs of all major PPP phases are significantly correlated to the successful delivery  
689 of projects. The coefficients of Phases 1 and 2 are larger than that of Phase 3. The traditional  
690 approach to project evaluation has identified the partnership phase of a PPP as the most  
691 significant for contributing to a project's success (Yong, 2010; EIB, 2011a). The findings from  
692 this research, however, suggest that the quality of the deliverables of pre-construction works  
693 (e.g., business case, VfM assessment, bidding and contract negotiation) is just as important.  
694 Thus, performance measurement of PPPs should be wider in scope and cover all phases of a  
695 project's lifecycle, rather than simply focusing on construction and operations. The empirical



696 evidence derived from CFA confirms that the perspective developed from the interviews may  
697 enable improved performance measurement and management through a PPP lifecycle that  
698 encapsulates stakeholder-focused measures. Moreover, the proposed approach is underpinned  
699 by a learning mechanism that can enable the client and SPV to enact continuous improvement  
700 as the project progresses each phase of its life-cycle.

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## 702 **Conclusions**

703 It has been widely acknowledged that there is paucity of effective PMS, which has  
704 contributed to the poor performance of PPPs. In addressing this issue, a total of 25  
705 exploratory interviews with experienced professionals were undertaken to understand the  
706 current practice of performance measurement of PPPs. It was revealed that existing PPP  
707 performance measurement is referred to as the product-oriented evaluation focusing on  
708 construction TCQ as well as the operational outputs of the asset. In addition, there was a lack  
709 of a formal mechanism for measuring pre-construction activities such as the business case,  
710 tendering/bidding and contract negotiation.

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712 From interview findings, a Process Management Life-Cycle PMS was developed and tested  
713 by using CFA via a questionnaire survey. The analysis of the survey findings indicates that the  
714 developed framework accurately reflected practitioners' aspirations for future performance  
715 measurement for PPPs. The Process Management Life-Cycle PMS accommodates the  
716 nuances of the dynamic business environment within which infrastructure is procured. It  
717 incorporates performance measures to support a process and stakeholder-orientation as well  
718 as a life-cycle learning mechanism.

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720 The research presented in this paper not only contributes to body of knowledge of PPPs, but

721 also supports the development of performance measurement for organisations operating in a  
722 complex network. The Process Management Life-Cycle PMS can provide governments and  
723 private-sector entities that are embarking on PPPs with a robust tool to enhance the outputs  
724 and outcomes of their assets' development, production and operation. Future research,  
725 however, is required to accommodate a balanced abatement mechanism, which should form  
726 an explicit function of the proposed PMS so that it can be utilized in practice. In particular,  
727 emphasis will need to be placed on developing incentives so that the SPV are able to  
728 understand, control and minimize availability and performance risks, and therefore enhance  
729 VfM for the public sector client. With payment mechanisms being effectively calibrated and  
730 service delivery monitored and measured using the framework provided by the Process  
731 Management Life-Cycle PMS, the likelihood of PPP contracts providing long-term value to  
732 all stakeholders will be engendered.

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| Project Strategic Goal (P2)      | KPI <sub>F2-1</sub> to KPI <sub>F2-3</sub> : Life-cycle V/M (Future proofing: the ability of the built asset to continue to be value into the future)   |  |  |
| Delivery Processes (P3)          | KPI <sub>F3-1</sub> : Comprehensiveness of macro-environmental analysis (political, economic, social and legal)<br>KPI <sub>F3-2</sub> : Appropriateness of definition on service need and desired outputs<br>KPI <sub>F3-3</sub> : Effectiveness and efficiency of risk management (e.g., identification, analysis and allocation)<br>KPI <sub>F3-4</sub> : Comprehensiveness of feasibility/business-case study (financing, technical and engineering)<br>KPI <sub>F3-5</sub> : Appropriateness of financing option<br>KPI <sub>F3-6</sub> : Appropriateness of concessionaire selection criteria<br>KPI <sub>F3-7</sub> : Appropriateness of concession period<br>KPI <sub>F3-8</sub> : Appropriateness of legal, commercial, technical and engineering structure<br>KPI <sub>F3-9</sub> : Effectiveness of interface management | KPI <sub>F3-10</sub> : Transparency and competitiveness of bidding process<br>KPI <sub>F3-11</sub> : Comprehensiveness and efficiency of final approval and negotiation<br>KPI <sub>F3-12</sub> : Effectiveness and efficiency of financial close<br>KPI <sub>F3-13</sub> : Effectiveness of interface management  | KPI <sub>F3-14</sub> : Compliance of legal and regulatory framework<br>KPI <sub>F3-15</sub> : Proper design and efficient design process<br>KPI <sub>F3-16</sub> : TCQ and material management<br>KPI <sub>F3-17</sub> : Occupational health and safety<br>KPI <sub>F3-18</sub> : Environmental and macro impacts of the project<br>KPI <sub>F3-19</sub> : Effectiveness of contract management<br>KPI <sub>F3-20</sub> : Effectiveness and efficiency of dispute solution<br>KPI <sub>F3-21</sub> : Profitability<br>KPI <sub>F3-22</sub> : Effectiveness of operations management<br>KPI <sub>F3-23</sub> : Effectiveness of facility management<br>KPI <sub>F3-24</sub> : Effectiveness of interface management |
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| Key Stakeholder Commitment (P5)  | KPI <sub>F5-1</sub> : Public client's performance in the establishment of investment environment<br>KPI <sub>F5-2</sub> : Public client's performance in the establishment of a sound legal framework<br>KPI <sub>F5-3</sub> : Skilled employees' performance/contribution  | KPI <sub>F5-4</sub> : Public authority contribution to concessionaire selection<br>KPI <sub>F5-5</sub> : Skilled employees' performance/contribution in tendering/bidding<br>KPI <sub>F5-6</sub> : Private contractors' willingness to participation to the project<br>KPI <sub>F5-7</sub> : Shareholders' willingness to participation to the project<br>KPI <sub>F5-8</sub> : Creditors' willingness to participation to the project | KPI <sub>F5-9</sub> : Public client willingness to active involvement<br>KPI <sub>F5-10</sub> : Skilled employees' performance/contribution in SPV<br>KPI <sub>F5-11</sub> : Subcontractors' performance<br>KPI <sub>F5-12</sub> : Suppliers' performance<br>KPI <sub>F5-13</sub> : Users' willingness to the use of the procured asset  |

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