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## **INFRASTRUCTURE AS OPPORTUNITY**

One of the circles which the provincial government must try to square, Drummond or no Drummond, arises from the strong public concern about fixing Ontario's lamentably degraded physical environment. It took a long time for this message to lodge in society's collective cranium but it shows signs of staying – helped by imaginative and dynamic representations made by industry groups.

The Residential & Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario, whose ED is Andy Manahan, is one of the most active such groups with labour and management backing and an array of other stakeholders. RCCAO has produced a stream of reports, sponsored a number of conferences and has lobbied continuously.

Its latest ploy is to commission a report from the consultancy RiskAnalytica. Public Infrastructure Investment in Ontario: the Importance of Staying the Course applauds the Ontario government's 10-year capital plan set out in the Infrastructure ministry's Building Together. The new report calls for infrastructure spending to climb from 3.0% to 3.6% of GDP to avert a 1% drop in GDP.