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Dear Hiring Managers,

I am writing to express my interest in senior infrastructure delivery opportunities within your organisation. With over two decades of project leadership experience across Australia, New Zealand, and the UK, I bring a proven ability to deliver complex civil works — including airport upgrades, defence infrastructure, and major road networks — at scale, under pressure, and with lasting results.

I currently serve as National Delivery Manager for Downer, managing a 360M SAR annual portfolio across a national pipeline of projects. In recent years, I've led award-winning works at Alice Springs and Ayers Rock Airports, and played a strategic role in recovering performance on high-risk highway projects. My approach balances commercial rigour with hands-on leadership, stakeholder transparency, and team accountability.

My family and I are actively planning a permanent relocation and are committed to building a long-term future in the middle east. Though we've spent several years in Australia, it was never our intention to remain indefinitely. Our move was a strategic decision to gain international experience — experience I now look forward to bringing to another country.

For the right opportunity, I am prepared to relocate in as little as three months. My aim is not simply to move, but to settle with my family — in a community and company where we can contribute meaningfully over the long term.

I would welcome the chance to speak further and explore how my experience could support your infrastructure delivery goals. Please find my resume and projects list enclosed. I am available for interview via phone or video at your convenience.

Kind regards,



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Open to relocation within 3 months

Professional Summary

Results-driven infrastructure professional with 20+ years' experience leading complex civil, aviation, and defense projects across Australia, New Zealand, and the UK. Proven success overseeing portfolios exceeding 360M SAR annually, with full P&L responsibility and a strong track record in program leadership, contract negotiation, and team optimization. Skilled in stakeholder engagement, strategic execution, and risk mitigation. Known for calm, mentorship-based leadership style, balancing delivery pressure with long-term team development.

Core Competencies

- Strategic Project Leadership
- Civil & Aviation Infrastructure
- Full P&L Accountability
- Risk Mitigation & Contract Negotiation
- Cross-Functional Team Leadership
- Stakeholder & Client Engagement
- Federal & Defense Project Delivery
- Resource Planning & Cost Optimization

Professional Experience

Downer EDI Works / July 2017 to Present

National Delivery Manager / August 2023 to Present

Oversaw 360M SAR national infrastructure delivery portfolio. Managed project and engineering teams, optimising commercial performance and team utilisation.

Key projects included:

- RAAF Base Williamstown Upgrade (412m SAR)
- Hobart Airport Upgrade (264m SAR)
- Bruce Highway Section D (130m SAR)
 - Increased unit profitability by 90% through strategic project alignment and cost control
 - Strengthened stakeholder management to de-risk final phases of high-value projects

Contracts Manager / January 2022 to August 2023

Managed a 170m SAR annual infrastructure portfolio across civil, aviation, and racetrack sectors.

- Led Eastlink Resurfacing (112m SAR), Granites Aerodrome Project (64m SAR)
- Improved bid strategies and risk control mechanisms across large-scale tenders

- Built robust supplier and client relationships, enabling repeat business and growth.

Project Manager / July 2017 to January 2022

- Delivered high-profile projects including:
 - Albert Park Formula 1 Track Resurfacing (22m SAR)
 - Ayers Rock Airport (45m SAR)
 - Alice Springs Airport (49m SAR – Zero Harm Safety Award)
 - Won National Excellence Award for delivery of the (30m SAR) Tailem Bend Motorsport Park project
 - Recognized for innovative asphalt plant management and remote delivery logistics

Mt Barker Waldorf School / October 2022 to March 2024

Finance and Risk Committee Member (Volunteer)

Provided governance, budgeting, and risk oversight to support strategic school leadership.

Fulton Hogan / March 2015 to July 2017

Project Manager / Zone Manager

- Managed (16m SAR) Christchurch cycleway upgrade and (8m SAR) traffic intersection reconfiguration
- Led significant package of works at (68m SAR) inland port expansion at Lyttelton, improving logistics and freight capacity

Danaher and Walsh Civil Engineering / July 2011 to March 2015

Site Agent

- Haymarket Bus Station / GF Tomlinson (11m SAR): Directed roads and infrastructure upgrades adjacent to the new Haymarket Bus Station.
- Thorntons Drainage Upgrade / Thorntons(3.8m SAR): Managed the upgrade of the sewer system for the Thorntons chocolate factory.
- Loughborough Inner Relief Road / Eurovia (7m SAR): Led the construction of a new relief road through Loughborough town centre.

Education & Qualifications

- BEng Civil Engineering (Honours), Sheffield Hallam University
- Diploma of Project Management

Technical Expertise

Pavement & Asphalt Construction | Drainage & Concrete Structures | Aviation Compliance | Mobile Asphalt Plants | Safety Leadership

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Project List

Project Name	Role	Location	Company	Value	Notes
Sydney Airport DOM2/DOM3 pavement strengthening	Project Direction Governance and oversight	Sydney, Australia	Downer	52m SAR	Deep lift asphalt pavement construction
RAAF Richmond Runway overlay	Project Direction Governance and oversight	Sydney, Australia	Downer	72m SAR	Defence base runway upgrade
Hobart Airport Upgrade Project	Project Direction Governance and oversight	Hobart, Australia	Downer	264m SAR	Pavement strengthening and widening. Concrete parking bays and other associated civil works
Corroy to Curra Bruce highway upgrade	Project Direction Governance and oversight	Sunshine Coast, Australia	Downer	130m SAR	Asphalt subcontract for CPB Contractors
RAAF Base Williamstown Code E upgrade	Project Direction Governance and oversight	Newcastle, Australia	Downer	412m SAR	Defence base airfield upgrade
Eastlink Open Grade Resurfacing Project	Project Direction Governance and oversight	Melbourne, Australia	Downer	112m SAR	Toll road maintenance project
Granites Aerodrome Compliance Project	Project Direction Governance and oversight	Tanami Desert, Australia	Downer	64m SAR	Mine site airfield upgrade project
Tailem Bend Drag Strip	Project Direction Governance and oversight	Adelaide, Australia	Downer	6m SAR	Asphalt works package for drag strip on South Australia
Bourke Airport Runway 5/23 Resealing Project	Project Direction Governance and oversight	Bourke, Australia	Downer	3.6m SAR	Regional airfield spray seal project
Albert Park Track Resurfacing Project	Project Manager	Melbourne, Australia	Downer	22m SAR	Track resurfacing and corner realignments to Formula 1 track
Alice Springs Airport – Runway 12/30 Runway Remediation Project	Project Manager	Alice Springs, Australia	Downer	49m SAR	Runway upgrade project with remote logistics considerations
Ayers Rock Airport Upgrade –	Project Manager	Ayers Rock, Australia	Downer	45m SAR	Runway upgrade project with remote logistics considerations
Hobart Airport Taxiway Hotel	Project Manager	Hobart, Australia	Downer	4.8m SAR	Asphalt subcontract package for Fulton Hogan
Tailem Bend Motorsport Park	Project Manager	Adelaide, Australia	Downer	30m SAR	Asphalt package of works for new build motorsport complex with 2nd longest racetrack in the world
Major Cycle routes	Zone Manager	Christchurch, New Zealand	Fulton Hogan	16m SAR	New cycle track and associated civil works

					through Christchurch City
Midland Port	Package manager	Christchurch, New Zealand	Fulton Hogan	68m SAR	Inland container port, works included high strength pavement, rail siding, electrical, drainage etc
Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT)	Project Manager	Christchurch, New Zealand	Fulton Hogan	Varied	Multiple road maintenance packages following Christchurch earthquakes and subsequent rebuild
Haymarket Bus Station	Site Agent	Leicester, UK	Danaher and Walsh Civil Engineering	11m SAR	Subcontract civil package, pavement, drainage, utilities
Thorntons – Drainage Upgrade	Site Agent	Derby, UK	Danaher and Walsh Civil Engineering	3.8m SAR	Sewer upgrade for private chocolate factory including pumping station
Loughborough Inner Relief Road	Site Agent	Loughborough, UK	Danaher and Walsh Civil Engineering	7m SAR	Subcontract civil package, pavement, drainage, utilities
Fishers Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme	Site Agent	Warwick, UK	Danaher and Walsh Civil Engineering	4m SAR	4mx1.5m PCC culverts under main road into town centre, including temporary works and sheet piling to facilitate
Nottingham City Hospital Car Parks	Site Agent	Nottingham, UK	Danaher and Walsh Civil Engineering	3m SAR	Demolition of hospital infrastructure to facilitate new parking
A46 Newark to Widmerpool Improvements	Section Engineer	Newark, UK	Balfour Beatty	1600m SAR	28km greenfield dual carriageway construction. Section engineer for 8km section overseeing drainage and earthworks
York University - Heslington East Highways	Sub Agent	York, UK	UCS Civils	20m SAR	Construction of roads for a new university campus and student accommodation at York University
Ashbourne Health Campus	Sub Agent	Ashbourne, UK	UCS Civils	6m SAR	Subcontract ground works package for Laing O'Rourke, including foundations, slabs, and drainage
Chesterfield Canal Basin	Sub Agent	Chesterfield, UK	UCS Civils	5m SAR	Installation of sheet piles to form a canal basin that was later used for an area of Chesterfield earmarked for regeneration.
Staveley Northern Loop Road	Site Engineer	Chesterfield, UK	Carillion	55m SAR	Construction of a 2km of single carriageway, 5 new bridges including the demolition of an existing bridge and construction of a temporary bridge
A63 Melton Grade separated junction -	Site Engineer	Hull, UK	Carillion	114m SAR	Combination of new carriageway and overlay to the existing A63. The

					project included the construction of 2 bridges.
A4146 Stoke Hammond and Linslade Western Bypass	Site Engineer	Stoke Hammond, UK	Carillion	90m SAR	Construction of 7km of single lane carriageway on a green field site
MARR (Mansfield Ashfield Regeneration Route)	Site Engineer	Mansfield, UK	Carillion	110m SAR	Construction of 8km of single lane carriageway, 3 new bridges, balancing ponds, gabion baskets, drainage etc.