



Infrastructure and inflation

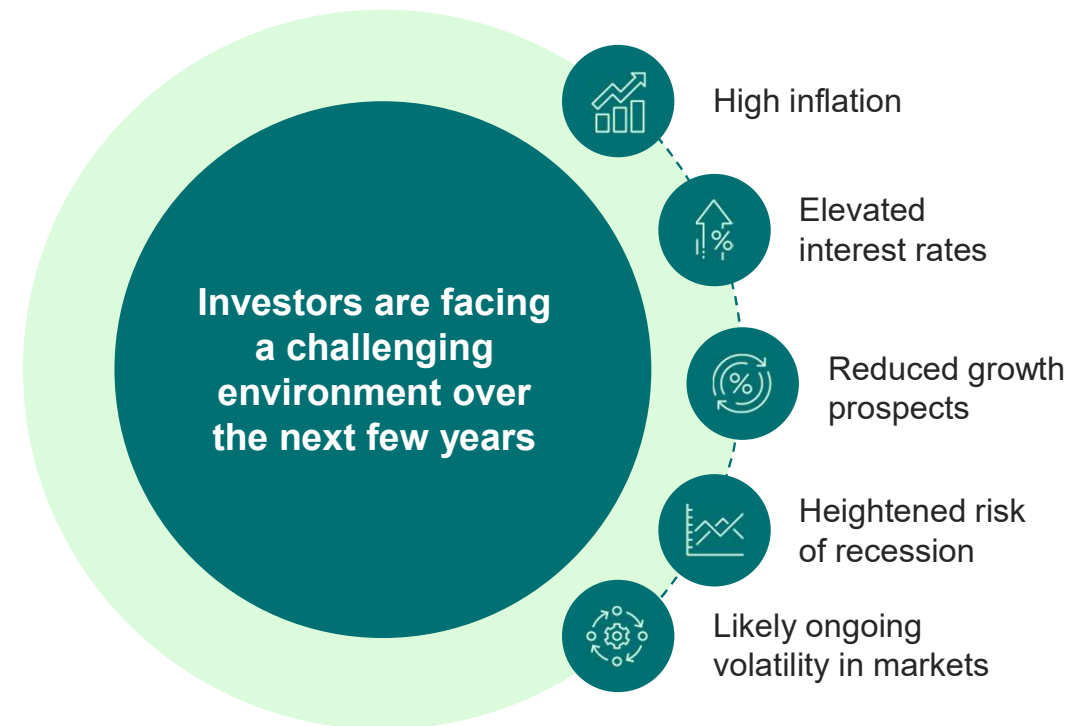
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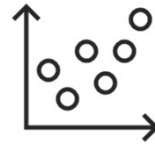
**What role can
infrastructure play
in a portfolio?**

Challenging investment environment



Infrastructure can help navigate challenging environments

Consistent returns through market cycles with lower volatility



Essential services assets



Monopolistic characteristics

Diversification

Low correlations with other asset classes can reduce overall portfolio risk



Infrastructure offers benefits

Stable long-term yields



Secure and predictable revenues



Inflation linkage



Macro drivers will benefit infrastructure



Population growth



Energy transition



Ageing population



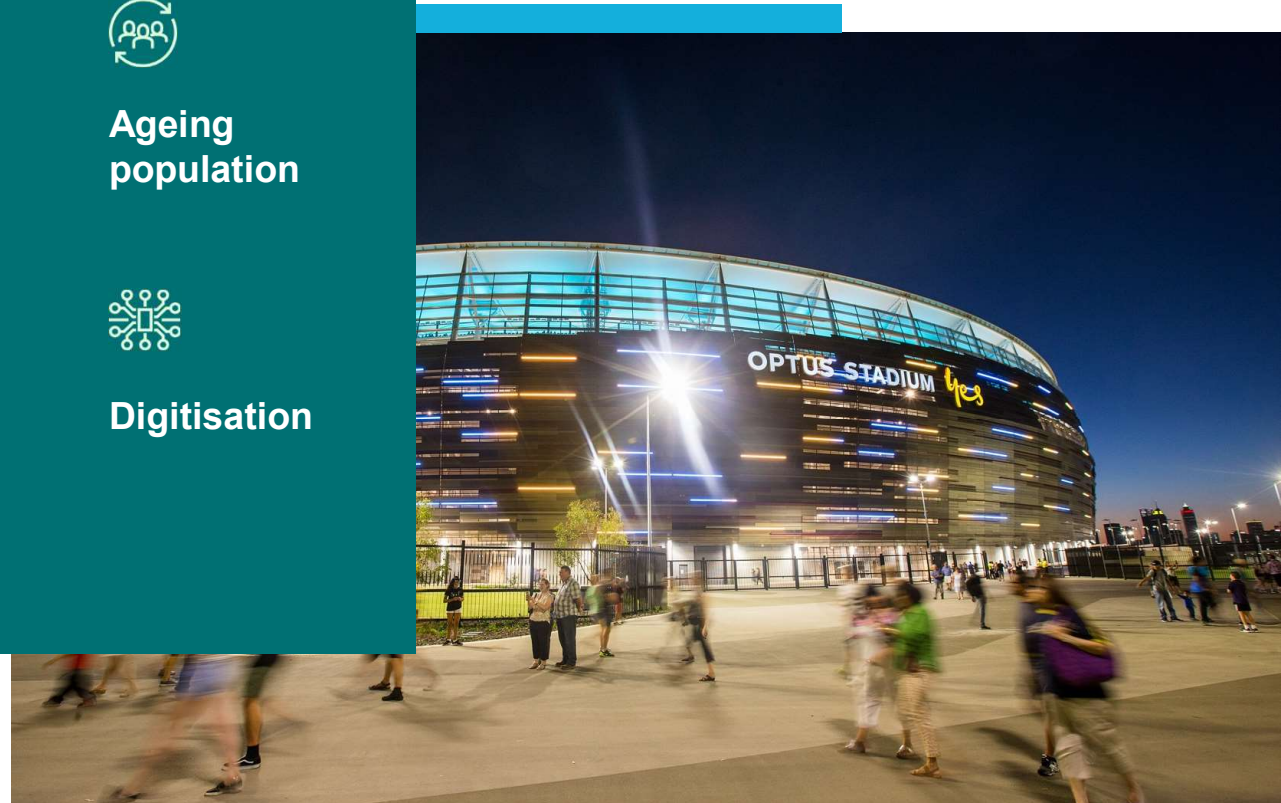
Urbanisation in developing markets



Replacement of ageing infrastructure in developed markets



Digitisation



Impact of inflation on infrastructure cashflows

Varying impacts for different asset types



Growth linked

Asset Example

- Airports
- Ports
- Toll roads



Regulated

Asset Example

- Electricity transmission and distribution
- Water



Public Private Partnerships (PPP)

Asset Example

- Schools
- Hospitals

Case study

Melbourne Airport



39 million*

Passengers per annum



No curfew



Inflation impacts

Impacts



Aeronautical

- Annual escalators in Aeronautical Services Agreements
- Additional patronage in growth environment
- Regulatory building block methodology



Retail

- Annual escalators in Retail Lease Agreements



Property

- Annual escalators in Lease Agreements

Aviation

Building Block Methodology Overview

Passenger charges are generally agreed for a 5 year period providing three key levers to drive profitability (and returns):



Passenger nos.



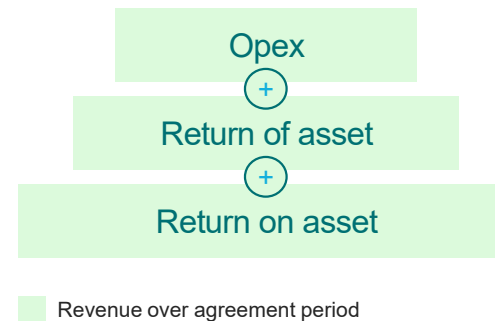
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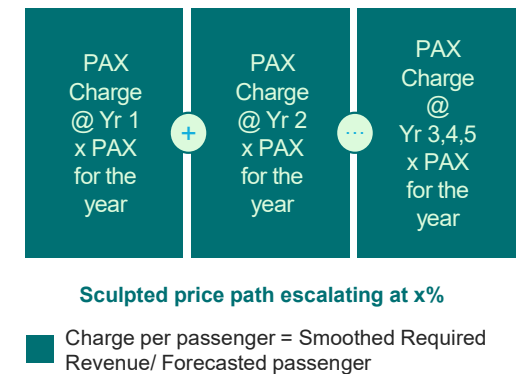
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Total required revenue (present value)



Aviation revenue (present value)



Building Blocks Methodology

Airport negotiates with airlines an agreed capital plan, Opex budget and service levels, and rate of return

Required Revenue

Return on Assets + Return of Assets + Opex as per forecast

Return on Assets

Opening Asset Base * Required Rate of Return¹

Return of Assets

Depreciation

Passenger Methodology

PAX charging setting methodology

Step 1

Calculate the required revenue

Step 2

Given the required revenue, the charge per pax is determined based on the annual pax forecast (smoothing price mechanism based on assumed annual price increase – usually a percentage)

¹ The Required Rate of Return will typically be built up in the form of a pre or post tax nominal Weighted Average Cost of Capital

Case study

Powerco New Zealand

Stable regulatory environment

with an established regime governing the operational framework and revenue determination

Regulatory Asset Base (RAB) growth

underpinned by macro themes of increasing energy demand growth, network resilience spend and decarbonisation / electrification



Regulatory building blocks methodology

- ✓ **Commerce Commission** determines annual expected revenues based on a building block methodology
- ✓ **5 year regulatory resets¹** provide transparency and revenue/regulatory certainty



Price setting process takes account of inflation and interest rates

- ✓ **Inflation protection** as Regulated Asset Base and thus revenues are linked to CPI
- ✓ **Volume protection²** adjustments for differences in forecast and actual volumes (up to the revenue cap)
- ✓ **Interest rate protection** updates to cost of debt in the regulatory WACC to reflect changes in interest rates

¹ 5 year regulatory resets for electricity transmission and distribution. 4 year regulatory resets for gas transmission and distribution

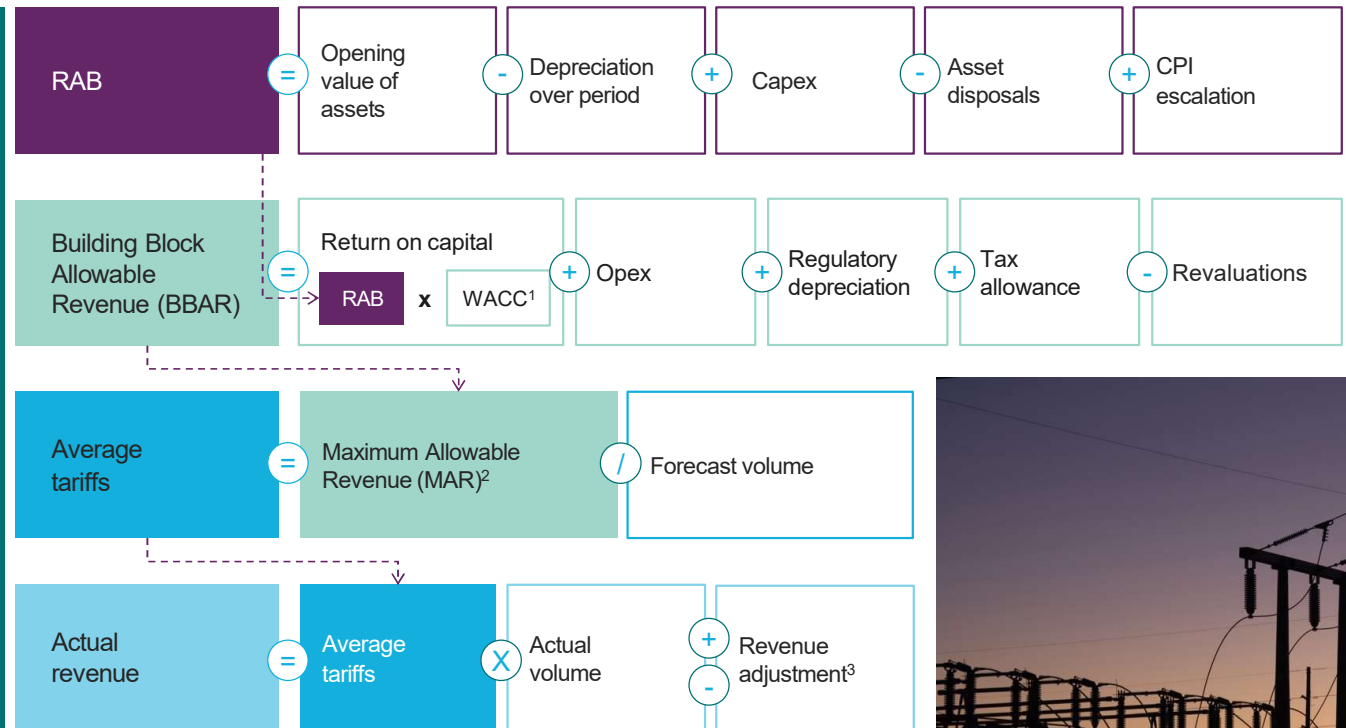
² volume protection applicable for electricity distribution business, however gas business is subject to volume risk albeit gas only represents 12% of Powerco's annual revenue

Regulatory building block methodology

The Commerce Commission determines Powerco's revenue allowance based on a building block methodology that is typically set every 5 years for the subsequent regulatory period

Approach

-  Forecast annual revenues
-  Set allowable revenue
-  Set prices to recover expected revenue in each regulatory year



Infrastructure: the essential ingredient

Infrastructure is a broad investment class that provides benefits underpinned by fundamental and structural societal trends



Exposure

to a series of structural growth themes that will play out over decades to come



Consistent returns

due to essential services nature of assets which will underpin demand



Generally predictable revenues, linked to inflation and in many cases, adjusting to changes in interest rates

which will be attractive in the current environment



Diversification

due to its low correlation to other asset classes

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