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Emerging research and scholarship regarding comparative construction costs shows a correlation between common law and Anglophone jurisdictions and high construction costs for public infrastructure. The author suggests that causation may be inferred from this correlation. With reference to international comparisons with law and public procurement practice in Italy, the European Union, and other jurisdictions, the author then identifies some distinctions with Australian law and practice which might provide fertile grounds for promoting Australian construction sector productivity. Finally, the author emphasises the importance of building state capacity to reducing costs for public infrastructure construction in Australia, and highlights the importance of comparative analysis in scholarly and policy work in construction sector costs and productivity. 247

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