To get up to speed as a new member, Chris Robertshaw decided to look at how government capital projects are managed. To this end he chose the IRIS Project and studied the recent 'Peel options', because, in his words "it is obviously an extremely significant capital project with a history - it’s ongoing today - and it will stretch out before us into the future in one form or another for some time to come".

He is damning on the governments lack of scrutiny of this huge capital project and believes that as a matter of urgency our government must establish a more robust way of considering capital projects prior to their commencement.

The full text of his speech is attached.