

### AIB Takes Research To Parliament

Earlier this month the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Construction Innovation was advised that its funding renewal bid was not successful. The Australian Institute of Building (AIB) has been a long-standing supporter of the CRC for Construction Innovation and, as a result of the funding decision, has taken a leading role in lobbying the Australian Government to secure the CRC's future.

The funding bid was supported by strong commitment from construction industry stakeholders, who had committed more than AUD\$11.5 million in cash support over the seven year program.

AIB's Senior Vice President, Mr Robin Fardoulis, has spoken to the Industry Minister, the Hon Ian MacFarlane MP, in support of the CRC for Construction Innovation's funding bid. Throughout June 2006 AIB's General Manager, Troy Williams, has met with more than twenty Ministers and other Members of Parliament to explore options to provide ongoing funding for the research body. As a result of representations from various industry stakeholders, including AIB, the Government has presented options for interim funding that will allow long-term arrangements to be put in place.

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