

Construction Innovation looks ahead to 2020 >>

The Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for *Construction Innovation* has released its vision for the future of the property and construction industry, following consultation with industry leaders and members across Australia.

Its report, *Construction 2020 — A Vision for Australia's Property and Construction Industry*, documents a framework within which Australia can set a research agenda to position itself to perform more competitively at an international level.

As a result of the process, nine key themes emerged, with an overarching vision, Australian leadership in research and innovation, being central to delivering the other eight. They include:

- Environmentally sustainable construction;
- Meeting client needs;

- Improved business environment;
- Welfare and improvement of the labour force;
- Information and communication technologies for construction;
- Virtual prototyping for design, manufacture and operation;
- Off-site manufacture; and
- Improved process of manufacture of constructed products.

Following launch of the report in Canberra in late June, the CRC conducted a nation-wide series of workshops in June and July, where it shared the findings with members of the property and construction industries, and sought input to establish a robust and effective action and research agenda for the future of the industry. **BA**

The full report is available from www.construction-innovation.info.