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BLUEPRINT FOR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT INDUSTRY – BOARD APPOINTED

The joint initiative between the Australian Government and the facility management (FM) industry to develop a blueprint for the industry over the next three years (known as the Facilities Management Action Agenda) has taken a significant step forward with the appointment of an Implementation Board.

The Board comprises 14 industry leaders appointed by Ian Macfarlane MP, Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources, and will be chaired by John *McCarthy of the CRC* Construction Innovation, the organisation leading the Sydney Opera House FM Exemplar Project in association with the Australian Government, FMA Australia and other leading industry participants (see attachment for details of the FM Action Agenda Implementation Board members).

Board chairman, John McCarthy, said, "This is a defining moment for the facilities management industry and I am delighted to be part of such a dedicated team, which represents a mix of experience gained during the strategic phase of developing the FM Action Agenda and new talent, which will contribute to important industry transformation."

The Board met for the first time on 18 August to review the FM Action Agenda and the 36-month implementation timetable agreed between the industry and the Government.

The Board adopted detailed implementation plans and established working groups around the four focus areas of Innovation, Education and Training, Regulatory Reform and Sustainability.

The chairman of the Facility Management Association of Australia, Stephen Ballesty, has welcomed the establishment of the Board adding that:

"The FM Action Agenda puts our profession on the map and provides all industry participants and stakeholders with the opportunity to contribute to delivering a productive and sustainable built environment through improved innovation, education and standards."

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Copies of the FM Action Agenda and Committee nomination form can be obtained through FMA Australia or downloaded from <www.fma.com.au>.

| Name | Focus Area | Industry Role |
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| John McCarthy | Chairman | Chairman CRC Construction Innovation |
| Stephen Ballesty | Deputy Chairman | Director Rider Hunt Group |
| Steven Gladwin | Communications | Director |
| | | Tungsten Group |
| Sue Pridmore | Communications | National Manager Store Development & FM Myer |
| John Nakkan | Innovation | Director Maintenance Services, Department of Parliamentary Service: |
| Karen Lyon-Reid | Innovation | Director Qld. Department of Public Works |
| George Spink | Innovation & FM Exemplar Project | Executive General Manager Transfield Services |
| Chris Hunt | Education & Training | General Manager Resolve FM |
| Naomi Nielsen | Education & Training | Deputy Director The University of New England |
| Ross Johnston | Regulatory Reform | National General Manager Spotless |
| Christopher Luscombe | Regulatory Reform | Director – Engineering and Operation: Mirvac Group |
| Jon McCormick | Sustainability | Managing Director Multiplex Facilities Management |
| Michael Silman | Sustainability | Head of Premises & Facilities Macquarie Bank |
| Kevin Dickinson | Sustainability | Head of Facility Management Investa Property Group |