



## Media Release

The Hon Bob Baldwin, MP

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# OPERA HOUSE BACKSTAGE SECRETS REVEALED

The backstage secrets of the Sydney Opera House will be revealed when the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources, Bob Baldwin, launches the findings of the Sydney Opera House Facilities Management Exemplar Project at RMIT in Melbourne.

Mr Baldwin said that while millions of people visit the Sydney Opera House to take in performances, very few understand the secrets behind maintaining the building to a world-class level.

"The Exemplar Project lifts the curtain on how such an iconic building is optimally maintained and effectively utilised to service the demands of the public," Mr Baldwin said.

"It is hoped that the finding of the Exemplar Project will not only improve the facilities management processes at the Sydney Opera House but act as a case study for buildings in Australia and internationally."

The \$300,000 Exemplar Project, a collaborative research effort between industry, research organisations and government has focussed on three research themes: Business Information Modelling (BIM or digital modelling), service procurements and performance benchmarking.

"The three research themes have been combined into an integrated facilities management solution intended to have applications for the broader facilities management industry – an industry which employs 172,000 people and accounts for \$8.6 billion of annual economic activity.

"Additionally the project also complements a number of the recommendations of the Government endorsed Facilities Management Action Agenda including those related to showcasing the innovative nature of the industry," he added.

Mr Baldwin congratulated the large number of project partners for their willingness to work collaboratively and disseminate the valuable lessons learnt.

"I'm sure the findings of the research won't be a finale for the facilities management industry and that the industry will continue to perform on the local and world stage."

An Executive Summary of the Exemplar Project can be found at <http://www.construction-innovation.info/images/pdfs/events/FMexecutivesummary.pdf>.

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