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From the CEO's Desk

## *Changing times at Construction Innovation*



30 June 2009, marks eight years of operation for the CRC for *Construction Innovation*. While *Construction Innovation* has been formally extended to 31 December 2009, there will be limited activities continuing over the next 6 months. The focus will be on the completion of existing research projects, with the *National BIM Guidelines* being rolled out through September/October and a launch of our *Dispute Avoidance and Resolution* project on 17 November followed by a series of seminars nationally.

Though *Construction Innovation* winds-up at the end of this year, research in this space will continue. We shared the news with our partners this week that we have been able to secure seed funding for a new centre from 2009-10 as a transition is made to the *Sustainable Built Environment* National Research Centre.

We are certainly pleased to be in a position to get on with the urgent business of developing and delivering sustainability research and education solutions for the built environment industry. The critical task of securing the new centre's on-going funding base continues. We have been buoyed by strong support for the new centre's objectives and work program by stakeholders in government, industry and research and are confident of their support as we move to establish a national research centre.

It is probably fair to say that we are currently at a cross-road as we transition from the existing CRC for *Construction Innovation* to the new centre. We are already in discussions about new research projects and new centre activities look set to overlap with *Construction Innovation's* wind-up period to 31 December 2009.

I look forward to continuing our communications with you as we seek to ensure our applied research service to Australian industry is maintained.

Best regards,

Dr Keith Hampson