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Guide to Best Practice for Safer Construction launched



Federal Employment and Workplace Relations Minister, the Hon Joe Hockey, launched an industry-wide Guide to Best Practice for Safer Construction at Parliament House in Canberra on 12 September. [More details](#)

Click [here](#) for sustainable buildings!



Your Building, a new \$1.5 million internet portal which builds industry capacity to create green and profitable commercial buildings, is now available online. "Your Building lays the groundwork for sustainability in the building industry," [More details](#)

Turning green into black



Training courses designed to provide information for industry to develop the business case for sustainable commercial buildings will be run in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane in November 2007. The courses have been developed from content available on the recently launched Your Building web portal for sustainable commercial buildings. [More details](#)

AIB Professional Excellence Award for safety research

Construction Innovation's Construction Site Safety Culture project has won the 2007 AIB Professional Excellence Award in the Research and Development. [More details](#)

Get Building Smart in Brisbane



Leading national and international digital modelling and BIM practitioners will meet in Melbourne for an international summit on buildingSMART in design and construction and FM on 13 and 14 November – and you are invited! [More details](#)

[Click here for upcoming events](#)

From the CEO's desk



Meeting industry needs

The Australian construction industry is currently in the grip of a resources-led boom, which has resulted in severe pressure on infrastructure delivery, particularly in the states of Queensland and Western Australia.

This has impacted on the construction industry in a number of ways, through staff shortages and scarcity of materials. The mining industry has attracted tradespeople who might otherwise have worked in construction and the volume of work has resulted in fewer staff in our industry participant organisations being available to work on *Construction Innovation* projects.

The buoyant nature of the industry is also placing significant demand on resources, other than staff. There is a high nationwide demand for construction products, which places additional pressure on infrastructure and results in increased costs throughout the supply chain.

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