



CRC Construction Innovation

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Innovate 08!



Construction Innovation's Third International Clients Driving Innovation Conference

Want to learn more about the latest innovations in the property, design, construction and FM industry? Then don't miss *Construction Innovation's Third International Clients Driving Innovation* conference, to be held on the Gold Coast, 12-14 March 2008.

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Minister
the Hon.
Kim Carr

Australia's Innovation Minister to speak at conference

Early bird registrations close 8 February

Don't miss the early bird discount registration for *Construction Innovation's Benefiting from Innovation* conference, to be held at the Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort & Spa on 12-14 March 2008. The third in our international Clients Driving Innovation series, the conference attracts delegates from around the world.

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Serious about sustainability

In addition to presenting a number of sessions on sustainable construction for the future at its *Clients Driving Innovation: Benefiting from Innovation* conference at the Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort & Spa on 12-14 March, *Construction Innovation* aims to deliver a sustainable conference by offsetting the estimated greenhouse gas emissions generated by this event.

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International interest in safety guidelines



The CRC's *Guide to Best Practice for Safer Construction* continues to receive interest and endorsement in Australia and overseas.

Associate Professor Helen Lingard from RMIT's Property Construction and Project Management School, delivered a workshop on international developments in safety and worker engagement for senior executives of CRC partner Arup in Hong Kong recently.

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From the CEO's desk



R&D Review Welcome

I welcome the wide-ranging review of Australia's national innovation system, as announced recently by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr – and, in particular, the renewed focus on industry development and public good outcomes for the CRC Program.

The Australian property, design, construction and facilities management industry, with its tight deadlines and culture of disjointed knowledge sharing along the supply chain, has traditionally been reticent to take a long-term and industry-wide view of R&D.

However, I believe the will is now there to tackle problems collaboratively at a national, state and local level – which is important as it takes motivated people, not just policy, to affect cultural change.

This is where *Construction Innovation* – with its 27 industry, government and research partners – plays a vital role. In our unique position as national facilitator of industry R&D development, we have achieved several recent outcomes of national and international significance that demonstrates the impact people can achieve by working together.

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Key Upcoming Conferences

- Green Cities 08:** 10-13 February, Sydney, hosted by Property Council of Australia/ Green Building Council of Australia
- Construct 2008:** 21-23 February, Gold Coast, hosted by Australian Institute of Building – sponsored by *Construction Innovation*
- One World One Community:** 3-6 March, Melbourne, hosted by Urban Development Institute of Australia.
- Critical Visions:** 12-14 April, Sydney, hosted by Royal Australian Institute of Architects
- A Climate for Change:** 13-16 April, Sydney, hosted by Planning Institute of Australia

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