



## [A safe record on safety](#)

Since 2005, *Construction Innovation* has directed funding into safety-based research projects in an effort to address the alarming safety statistics generated by the construction industry. Following the launch of the *Construction Safety Competency Framework* back in 2007, our reputation in the field of applied safety research has continued to grow as has our commitment to disseminate our findings and apply skill development to the industry... [\(more\)](#)



## [John McCarthy provides industry insight](#)

*Construction Innovation* Chair John McCarthy has been appointed a member of the Built Environment Industry Innovation Council (BEIIC). The Council has been established to consider industry innovation challenges such as climate change, sustainability and industry competitiveness as well as issues including regulatory reform, workforce capability, skills needs, access to new technologies and other priorities for industry... [\(more\)](#)



## [LCADesign at GreenTech 2008](#)

Construction Innovation recently featured LCADesign at the popular GreenTech 2008 in Sydney's Convention and Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour from 7 to 8 November. GreenTech combined a trade show with seminar sessions and additional special features...[\(more\)](#)

## [Industry input integral to guidelines](#)

A series of national workshops on Building Information Modelling (BIM) wound up in Perth on 5 November. CRC project team members facilitated the workshops, with Tom Fussell (Queensland Department of Public Works) providing an overview. This was the last in a series of open forums for industry consultation and feedback on the development of *The National BIM Guidelines*.... [\(more\)](#)

## KEY UPCOMING EVENTS

### [Construction Innovation workshops](#)

The Construction Innovation workshop program continues to run until March 2009.

[View the workshop calendar](#)

### [Queensland University of Technology infrastructure workshop](#)

28 November 2008. Hosted by the faculty of Built Environment and Engineering, the School of Urban Development, the Infrastructure Research Theme. [\(more\)](#)

## Conferences

[ANZAScA2008](#): 26-28 November, University of Newcastle

[6th Annual Green Buildings Conference](#): 1-2 December, Brisbane

[Construct 2009](#): 26-27 February 2009, Sydney

[Green Cities Conference and Expo](#): 1-4 March 2009, Brisbane

[More upcoming events](#)

## From the CEO's Desk



## Reflections on 2008 and the way ahead

2008 saw another productive and successful year for the CRC — an international conference delivered; awards won; numerous publications and kits printed, profiled and distributed; workshops across a broad range of subjects presented across the country; products launched; networks expanded and reinforced; new strategic relationships developed — outcomes that we have communicated throughout the year using print and online media, newsletters, the internet and through our participants.

One of our priorities for 2008 has been the development of a proposal for a new centre, slated for launch in 2009. The proposed *Sustainable Built Environment* centre offers an exciting opportunity to continue the momentum created by our existing CRC, but with a new research and education portfolio geared to emerging industry priorities across key areas of environmental, social and economic sustainability.

The change of government this year brought with it a review of the CRC Program. The report released by Senator Kim Carr, Federal Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, and led by Professor Mary O'Kane recommended that further funding be allocated to the Program. There was also a push to refocus the Program's emphasis on public benefit from research. While we still await the release of the new CRC guidelines, indications are that their release is imminent.

[More details](#)