



WAYFINDING

New resources to help the industry find their way

Two new publications from the *Wayfinding in the Built Environment* project are now available to help designers, developers, property owners and managers to create a more accessible and inclusive built environment. The project has focused on identifying technologies and systems that can make it easier and safer for people who have a sensory impairment, particularly a vision impairment, to find their way around large public areas. Led by the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Construction Innovation, the three-stage research project has involved an

industry partnership of the public and private sectors working together with a national research team.

The design guidelines outline a design method to wayfinding, including technologies, solutions and strategies. It identifies universal

wayfinding design principles and includes an audit checklist template which can be customised for gathering information on buildings and surrounds. The resource is applicable to new buildings and their immediate surrounding spaces and upgrades of existing buildings.

Building commissioner Tony Arnel says: "A wayfinding system is a lot more than just signs – it encompasses aspects like architecture, landscape architecture, interior design, lighting and landmarks. There are also universal applications for wayfinding design principles that take into consideration people who are less mobile, the elderly and those with a low level understanding of written English." The Wayfinding resources can be found at the Construction Innovation website at www.construction-innovation.info and is free of charge.