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Construction industry taskforce to cut the fat

A TASKFORCE has been set up to reduce the frequency and costs of disputes on Australian major construction sites that could save millions of dollars a year.

The Construction Innovation research centre established it with input from builders, designers, industry and universities.

It is chaired by consulting engineer Connell Wagner's chief operating officer, Tony Barry, and includes former building and construction industry royal commissioner Terence Cole, QC.

Centre CEO Keith Hampson said: "The research and outcomes of this project will focus on relationships at the critical contractor/sub-contractor level as well as the head contractor/owner relationship."