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John McCarthy

AO for service to the property and construction industries, particularly through leadership roles in peak bodies, and through promotion of co-operation, research and innovation.

John McCarthy is not only a director of the Australian Building Codes Board, Village Building Company and an international research council, but also chairs several industry bodies and is an adjunct professor at the Queensland University of Technology.

"It is such a privilege to be asked to contribute. I think that has been my motivation," he says of his career, spanning more than 35 years.

Advancements in safety and technology have changed the industry since he began, he says, but the greatest challenge today is the downturn in jobs.

Mr McCarthy says Australia must stay at the "absolute cutting edge of technology" to compete.

"We must stand there with enthusiasm and commitment to be better because everyone else is going to be doing that."

Nicole Eastaway