

Sample 'facility management' letter

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The Honourable Julie Bishop, MP
Minister for Education, Science and Training
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Firstly, let me congratulate you on your recent appointment as Minister for Education, Science and Training.

I am writing to you today to discuss the Cooperative Research Centre program, a program that the Federal Government should be congratulated for creating. This important policy initiative has delivered significant benefits to the construction industry that I wish to highlight given the approaching commencement of the CRC funding renewal process.

As you would be aware the CRC for *Construction Innovation* was formed in 2001 in an effort to create a more sustainable, profitable and safer construction industry.

Much of its work has centred on reducing the impact building projects have on the environment, improving the safety for workers on construction sites, encouraging more innovative building design and developing tools and techniques to allow the industry to efficiently manage their building and infrastructure assets.

To illustrate just one of the many benefits that have been delivered to our industry, the CRC for *Construction Innovation* is currently undertaking significant research into the facility management sector.

Facility management is one of Australia's fastest growing and most dynamic industries. It contributes \$8.6 billion to the Australian economy and employs 135,000 people. Your government recognises our emerging industry and has endorsed the Facility Management Action Agenda.

In response to the recommendations of the Action Agenda, the CRC for *Construction Innovation* is collaborating with the Sydney Opera House to research and improve its facility management.

Early results indicate that it is possible to consolidate seven existing (and incompatible) digital information systems into one 3D digital plan, allowing for significant savings on its \$19 million annual facility management budget. The final results of this applied research are also likely to become an industry benchmark.

Innovation such as this holds the key to a more sustainable, safer and profitable construction industry. By bringing together the traditionally fragmented construction industry, the CRC for *Construction Innovation's* work will be able to improve the quality of our built environment, create safer workplaces and living spaces. We are committed to the continuation of its funding.

I would be happy to discuss this further with you or a representative from your office if you require more information.

Again, congratulations to your Government for this outstanding policy initiative.

Yours sincerely

Your Name
Your Title