



CCF NATIONAL DISPATCH

.....the latest national civil news highlights

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Welcome to the first volume of **CCF National Dispatch**, the official news service of the Civil Contractors Federation (National).

The **CCF National Dispatch** will be published monthly and bring to you the latest national developments, breaking news, important events and report on key issues being addressed on your behalf across the civil construction sector by your national advocacy body based in Canberra.



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CCF NATIONAL LAUNCHES AUSTRALIAN INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY

The Civil Contractors Federation officially launched its National Infrastructure Policy program at a special breakfast held in Canberra on 16th February 2017. A series of 14 recommendations were presented to over 50 delegates that attended from Government and Industry. These recommendations are contained within the first CCF National Australian Infrastructure Outlook Report that was commissioned to BIS Shrapnel. Senior Economist, Mr Adrian Hart was the keynote speaker who presented a very detailed overview of the state of play for civil infrastructure, not only by State but at National and International levels.

Copies of the 2016 Australian Infrastructure Outlook Report can be obtained at a cost of \$75.00 (incl GST) by contacting CCF National Office.



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THE AUSTRALIAN
INFRASTRUCTURE
OUTLOOK REPORT

AUSTRALIA'S 100 MOST IMPORTANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS

Infrastructure Australia, the nation's independent infrastructure advisor, has identified 100 projects and initiatives as national priorities in a newly revised [Infrastructure Priority List](#).

The Infrastructure Priority List is the authoritative list of nationally-significant infrastructure investments Australia needs over the next 15 years. Based on data from the Australian Infrastructure Audit and extensive consultation with State and Territory Governments, the Priority List provides independent, evidence-based advice on the projects that will most benefit Australian communities.

CHANGE. CHALLENGE. OPPORTUNITY.

2017 CCF AUSTRALIAN INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT & NATIONAL EARTH AWARDS

I am proud to announce the dates of the *2017 Civil Contractors Federation Australian Infrastructure Summit and the National Earth Awards*, these will be held in Canberra on Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st November. This year's venues and program will incorporate four exciting events:

Hotel QT

- Welcome Cocktail Mixer
- 2017 Australian Infrastructure Outlook Breakfast
- Summit - current industry keynote topics and panel discussions



New Parliament House – Great Hall

- The Prestigious CCF National Earth Awards Gala Dinner



This is an event not to be missed, registrations now open please visit our website: www.civilcontractors.com or select the banner below.

A promotional banner for the Civil Contractors Federation Australian Infrastructure Summit and National Earth Awards. The banner features a dark blue background with a stylized blue graphic of a road or bridge on the left. The text reads: "Civil Contractors Federation", "2017 AUSTRALIAN INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT", "20th & 21st November 2017 in Canberra", "incorporating the 2017 CCF National Earth Awards Gala Dinner", and "Constructing Australia's Infrastructure". At the bottom, there are logos for "THE CCF EARTH AWARDS EXCELLENCE IN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION" and "CCF".



ABCC UP & RUNNING

The Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) promotes an improved workplace relations framework to ensure that building work is carried out fairly, efficiently and productively for the benefit of all building industry participants, without distinction, and for the benefit of the Australian economy as a whole. On 2 December 2016, the ABCC commenced operations. Find out more click here: <https://www.abcc.gov.au/about/our-role>



NATIONAL HEAVY VEHICLE REGULATOR

If you have a heavy vehicle fleet you can stay tuned with all the latest regulatory developments by visiting the website of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR). The NHVR is Australia's independent regulator for all vehicles over 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass.

The NHVR is responsible for:

- [National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme](#) management and accreditations;
- [Performance-Based Standards Scheme](#) vehicle design and access approvals;
- heavy [vehicle access](#) permit applications;
- heavy [vehicle standards](#) modifications and exemption permits;
- a [national driver work diary](#) and [risk classification system](#) for advanced fatigue management;
- one set of [national notices](#);
- one set of [national fees](#) for NHVR services;
- one set of [national penalties](#)

Visit the NHVR at: <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/>



CCF NATIONAL MEETS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE ON R&D TAX CONCESSIONS

On 1 April 2017 CCF National CEO, Chris Melham met with ATO Assistant Commissioner Martin Jacobs to discuss the **ATO Taxpayer Alert TA2017/2** relating to the claiming of R&D tax concessions by civil contractors.

The purpose of the meeting was to seek a greater understanding of why the ATO has issued this and similar alerts in the IT and agricultural sectors, and how CCF National can assist its members to gain a better understanding of the criteria for claiming R&D tax concessions.

The positive outcome of the meeting was that both ATO and AusIndustry (as this is a joint program) have agreed to review the guidance materials and then to improve awareness of the R&D program in conjunction with CCF National for civil contractors.

Please visit [Checklist for claiming R&D tax incentive](#) to obtain additional information.

THE BUILDING CODE 2016 - WHAT IS THE BUILDING CODE 2016

CCF National has been liaising with the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) regarding the recently released *Building Code for the Tendering and Performance of Building Work 2016 (the Code)* which commenced on 2 December 2016.

The Code amendments align the 2016 Code with those amendments to the Act and provide additional transitional exemptions to assist building contractors with the transition to compliance.

Amendments to the Code commenced operation on 21 February 2017. The amended Code can be found [here](#).

[A fact sheet explaining the amendments can be found here.](#)

If you wish to discuss the Code do not hesitate to contact the ABCC on 1800 003 338.



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