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PEAK CIVIL CONSTRUCTION BODY CONGRATULATES MCCORMACK APPOINTMENT

Australia's peak employer body representing the Civil Construction industry has welcomed the appointment of the Hon Michael McCormack MP as Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Infrastructure and Transport Minister.

Civil Contractors Federation National Chief Executive Officer Chris Melham said: "Minister McCormack's role as Small Business Minister puts him in good stead to grasp the issues confronting the infrastructure and transport sectors, as many of the civil construction companies represented by CCF are small businesses".

"The CCF looks forward to working with the Minister and his Departments to adopt and implement constructive and productive infrastructure and transport policies given the downturn in measured engineering construction activity still has a way to run.

"BIS Oxford Economics forecasts now suggest the bottom of the engineering construction cycle will not be until 2019/20, with annual work done bottoming out at around \$75 billion (in constant 2015/16 prices). This compares to the \$136 billion in work done at the peak of the cycle in 2012/13", Melham said.

"As a result, construction sector employment is projected to fall from 1.14 million persons in 2015/16 to 1.08 million persons by 2019/20 – a direct loss of around 60,000 jobs", Melham said.

"The CCF would also like to acknowledge the commitment of former Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP, for his ongoing support of the infrastructure and transport industry sectors" Melham said.

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About the Civil Contractors Federation

The Civil Contractors Federation (CCF) is the peak employer body representing over 2,000 companies engaged in civil construction in every jurisdiction of Australia. CCF Members are responsible for the construction and maintenance of Australia's infrastructure, including roads, bridges, pipelines, drainage, ports and utilities. CCF members also play a vital role in the residential and commercial building construction industry by providing earthmoving and land development services including the provision of power, water, communications and gas.

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