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CIVIL CONTRACTORS FEDERATION LAUNCHES FEDERAL ELECTION PRIORITIES

Civil Contractors Federation National (CCF) today officially launched its election priorities for the upcoming federal election in its new publication [Civil Construction – Leading Australia’s Economic Recovery](#).

“The civil construction sector continues to lead Australia’s economic recovery from COVID-19, and the upcoming federal election provides an opportunity for the major parties to deliver on policies that strengthen the sector’s ability to contribute to Australia’s future economic growth,” said Chris Melham, Chief Executive Officer, CCF.

“As the peak voice for the civil infrastructure sector, CCF has identified five policy priorities where greater action is needed to ensure Australia harnesses the productive capacity of the civil construction sector.”

CCF’s policy priorities are:

1. Sustained level of long-term Infrastructure Investment
2. Efficient, Equitable and Competitive Procurement
3. Enhancing Skills Development & Training
4. Enhancing Industrial Relations
5. Building a Stronger, More Sustainable Industry

“CCF has put these key issues of importance to the major political parties and cross benchers in the lead up to the next federal election, and we look forward to these issues receiving prominence in the upcoming election campaign.

Action in these areas is critical to building a stronger, more sustainable civil construction sector, and to enhancing Australia’s sovereign capacity,” Melham said.

“CCF’s policy priorities are drawn from its 2021 report [‘Rebuilding Australia – A Plan for a Civil Infrastructure Led Recovery’](#) which details how civil construction investment can be a tool for broader economic recovery in the face of the COVID-19 downturn.

“CCF’s election priorities also identify challenges and risks to an ‘infrastructure-led’ recovery and provides potential solutions, including improved planning and risk management, streamlining and reforming the tendering process, greater consideration of more collaborative procurement models, more appropriate contractual risk allocation and a greater focus on skills and training.

In the lead up to the federal election, CCF encourages both major parties to deliver on these much-needed investments and policy reforms outlined in [Civil Construction – Leading Australia’s Economic Recovery](#),” he said.

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The Civil Contractors Federation is the peak national representative body for the Australian civil construction industry comprising over 1,900 civil construction companies across the construction supply chain.