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### CCF STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS CHANGES

Australia's peak voice for the civil infrastructure sector, Civil Contractors Federation National (CCF) has called on the Federal Government to consult with industry on any changes it is proposing to the industrial relations framework currently in place.

"CCF is supportive of a rules-based regime in the construction industry overseen by an independent, specialist body that provides industry-specific regulation and oversight," said Chris Melham, Chief Executive Officer, CCF.

"This principle and commitment has underpinned CCF's ongoing support for the ABCC and we continue to hold this view, particularly in the absence of any detail provided by the Government on its proposed regulatory regime in the future.

"CCF notes the proposed changes to the Building Code signaled today by the Federal Government which was announced without prior consultation with relevant affected industries, including the civil construction sector.

"CCF urges the Government to commit to a consultative process with industry before going ahead with changes to the Building Code.

"While CCF recognises the Government's electoral commitment to abolish the ABCC, the civil construction industry remains in the dark about the Government's plans to implement an alternative regulatory oversight mechanism.

"As such, CCF urges the Government to put its industrial relations changes on hold until it releases its proposed regulatory framework for consultation with industry. The Parliament should not pass any legislation until industry has been afforded this opportunity," he concluded.

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