

The Economic Capacity of the Civil Construction Sector

CCF's report 'Rebuilding Australia - A Plan for a Civil Infrastructure Led Recovery' provides evidence that civil construction is critical to Australia's economic future and underpins the need for action on CCF's Advocacy and Policy Priorities.

It also provides recommendations to harness the economic capacity of the civil construction sector, including:

- · improved planning and risk management
- · streamlining and reforming the tendering process
- greater consideration of more collaborative procurement models
- · more appropriate contractual risk allocation
- a greater focus on skills and training

About Us

The Civil Contractors Federation is the peak national representative body for the civil construction industry in Australia, providing on behalf of our members and industry a clear, unified and strong voice on the critical issues affecting the sector. Our 1900 members who range from tier 1, 2, 3, SMEs and one person ABN holders, are responsible for the construction and maintenance of Australia's civil infrastructure.

CCF members are responsible for the construction and maintenance of Australia's infrastructure, including roads, bridges, pipelines, drainage and utilities. Members also play a vital role in the residential and commercial construction industry by providing earthmoving and land development services including the provision of power, water, communications and gas.

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Building a stronger and more sustainable civil construction industry and enhancing



CIVIL CONTRACTORS FEDERATION: ADVOCACY AND POLICY PRIORITIES

Civil Contractors Federation (CCF), the peak national representative body for the civil construction industry, is pursuing a key set of **Advocacy and Policy Priorities** to achieve much needed policy reform in Australia. The priorities outline the measures needed to achieve a stronger and more sustainable civil construction industry, and to enhance Australia's sovereign capacity and capability. Action on these advocacy and policy priorities will also generate employment opportunities and strengthen industry's ability to positively contribute to Australia's economic growth and prosperity. And importantly, they will improve quality of life in metropolitan, regional and rural Australia, as industry will be able to construct more efficiently the infrastructure we rely on every day, including our roads, bridges, pipelines, drainage, ports and utilities.

There is a growing need for action to deliver against these policy priorities. And while they are challenging, they are certainly achievable. Success will require the cooperation of all levels of government with the close involvement of industry.

Chris Melham
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The Committee sees that increasing the access of tier two and three companies, and related Australian small and medium enterprises, to projects in the Australian infrastructure pipeline as key to enhancing Australia's sovereign industry capacity.

House of Representatives Standing
 Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and
 Cities 2022 report: "Government Procurement:
 A Sovereign Security Imperative

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

"Connecting Australians through sustained growth of federal infrastructure investment to build Australia's economic and social wellbeing"

For every \$1 million invested in the Australian civil construction sector, 7 new jobs are created and \$2.95 million is contributed to the economy, which is an economic multiplier of 3:1.

INDUSTRY SUSTAINABILITY

"A more sustainable and balanced approach to project allocation across all construction tiers and regions throughout Australia.

Greater project disaggregation to maximise participation of tier 2, 3 and below contractors and a stronger focus on investment in rural and regional Australia.

PROCUREMENT

"Strengthening our sovereign capacity and capability through a more efficient and equitable government procurement process"

Procurement model selection in response to the risk profile presented is one of the key determinants in managing risk allocation and driving positive outcomes.

Collaborative contracting models must be genuinely considered when the circumstance warrants it.

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WORKFORCE

"Building and Skilling Australia's current and future infrastructure workforce"

Immediate government action to address growing skill and labour shortages through urgent investment and reform to ensure Australia's future infrastructure workforce can deliver on the growing infrastructure pipeline

ENVIRONMENT

"Supporting a balanced approach by working collaboratively with governments and industry to achieve equitable environmental outcomes"

A whole of industry approach to achieving a more sustainable sector by prioritizing supply chain causes and developing appropriate and balanced solutions

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

"Supporting a lawful, efficient and sustainable civil construction industry through an effective industrial relations framework"

Genuine consultation between government and industry to deliver an industrial relations framework that enhances productivity by minimising workplace and workforce disruptions