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RETIREMENT OF WAL KING AO

"Wal King has made an enormous contribution to the development of the Australian construction industry and has been an outstanding leader in industry affairs," Mr Jim Barrett, Executive Director of the Australian Constructors Association, said today following the announcement that Mr King will retire as CEO of Leighton Holdings Limited.

"In 1994, Wal King was elected as the inaugural President of the Australian Constructors Association (ACA). In each successive year since, Wal King has been re-elected to that position, confirming his standing among his peers in what is generally regarded as the most fiercely competitive of all industries.

"Under Wal King's presidency, ACA has emerged as an influential organisation that has sought to provide responsible leadership and balanced advocacy in promoting the views of Australia's major contractors.

"As President, he confronted many difficult industry reform issues and was always a persuasive advocate for the contracting community.

"Wal King has a real passion for construction and thrives on the challenges of contracting. During his term as President, Mr King has led a number of industry initiatives. The most important of these has been to improve safety performance on major projects.

"I am sure I speak for the ACA Board in saying that Wal King is an exceptional Australian, he has been a great ambassador for the contracting industry and his industry leadership has been hugely valued," Mr Barrett said.

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