



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **CONTRACTORS SUPPORT RELEASE OF DRAFT NEW SOUTH WALES GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

The Australian Constructors Association (ACA) has welcomed the New South Wales Government's release of draft implementation guidelines to the Government's Code of Practice applying to companies tendering for state government building and construction projects.

"We congratulate the O'Farrell Government for embarking on this important step in driving improved productivity and efficiency in the construction industry that will support the industry's commitment to control cost blowouts and time delays in infrastructure projects".

"The Government has a significant infrastructure program in front of it over the next decade and it rightly should expect to receive value for money for that program", Mr Palin said.

Mr Palin also said that the construction industry needs to have consistency and certainty in its dealings with governments on procurement projects and the draft guidelines will assist in achieving a sustainable pipeline of projects leading to significant economic benefits for the state.

"This will be a good outcome for taxpayers, construction workers and the general industry", Mr Palin said.

"Experience has shown that procurement policy can have a very positive effect on promoting productivity and improving industry behaviour, and all parties should support the Government's initiative".

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