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CONSTRUCTORS LEAD THE WAY ON SITE SAFETY

In a major initiative to improve safety at construction workplaces, Australia's leading construction businesses have released, through the Australian Constructors Association (ACA), two major reports intended to change the way the industry, its clients and stakeholders collectively think about and address safety issues.

The two reports address safety in design and safety culture and are part of a suite of safety proposals that the ACA will progressively release over coming months. The reports are accessible on the ACA's website www.constructors.com.au

The ACA's Safety Committee, chaired by Murray Coleman OAM, Managing Director, Building, Australia, at Lend Lease, engaged the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology to prepare the reports. Speaking at the launch of the reports, Mr Coleman said that the reports are the culmination of a great deal of work by the members of the ACA Board and their organisations.

"We will be suggesting to all of the industry's stakeholders that they give serious consideration to implementing the concepts and proposals contained in the reports and the additional guidance material that will be released over coming months," Mr Coleman said.

"The Safety in Design report is intended to generate greater interaction between clients, designers and constructors at the time of scoping a project so that construction risks are able to be identified and avoided. This will also lead to more efficient buildings and more sustainable projects".

"The Safety Culture report is intended to assist all industry participants to evaluate the culture existing in their organisations and to implement systems and processes to ensure that safety is at the forefront of the minds of all persons who attend workplaces. Safety is an issue that transcends all else at a workplace and we want all people who attend workplaces to embrace the fact that they have an individual and collective responsibility for others who may be affected by their actions," Mr Coleman said.

Mr Coleman went on to say that the ACA would be releasing a number of additional reports and guides over coming months to complement the two major reports and concluded by saying that the ACA would work with clients and stakeholders to further improve the safety standards of the industry.

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