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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LEADERS TO ADVISE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT ON KEY INFRASTRUCTURE

The leaders of Australia's construction industry met at a forum in Melbourne today to identify key issues the industry says will assist the new Victorian government to develop and deliver a sustainable pipeline of infrastructure projects for the state.

The forum was organised by the Australian Constructors Association (ACA) and Engineers Australia as a way of facilitating greater industry engagement with the Andrews Government on the development of key state infrastructure.

Commenting on the forum, Engineers Australia National President, Dr David Cruickshanks-Boyd, said the industry and the professions that support it have an enormous capacity to assist governments to develop and deliver sustainable infrastructure projects and to undertake effective engagement strategies to identify and address stakeholder issues.

"Through Engineers Australia and the Australian Constructors Association governments have at their disposal world experts in the development and delivery of infrastructure projects. All governments have to do is engage with industry and those resources will be made available to develop successful projects", Dr Cruickshanks-Boyd said.

ACA President, David Saxelby, said that the forum was a very successful event that brought together key industry experts to discuss everything from financing and funding infrastructure projects, safety and sustainability issues, contractor engagement strategies and the role of the construction supply chain in achieving successful project outcomes.

"There is enormous goodwill and a willingness to support governments in this area and it was very pleasing that Victorian Treasurer, Tim Pallas, attended and gave the keynote speech", Mr Saxelby said.

Mr Saxelby went on to say that the two peak industry associations would now provide a report to the Victorian Government highlighting the key issues that the industry and related professions and stakeholders considered would be of most benefit to the Government in the development of its infrastructure planning.

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The ACA is the peak industry body representing leading construction companies while Engineers Australia represents the engineering profession that is responsible along with the constructors for the design and delivery of Australia's major infrastructure projects.