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**AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR NATIONAL BUILDING
LEGISLATION TO BE PASSED BY SENATE**

The Australian Constructors Association (ACA) today called on the Australian Senate to pass legislation to re-establish the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) and to make other changes to support an effective regulatory regime for the building and construction industry, including the development of a new Code to regulate contracts involving the expenditure of public funds on construction projects.

Mr Le Compte said that damaging and unproductive industrial relations practices continue to be identified by the courts, through the many cases that have come before the judicial system in the period following the watering down of the previous legislation and the introduction of the 2013 Building Code, as well as through evidence given to the current trade union royal commission.

"Unless a strong, well-resourced regulator and strong legislation is maintained, the risks associated with inappropriate and unlawful industrial practices will continue to add excessive cost and time delays to construction projects and have detrimental long term effects on both the Australian community and the reputation of the industry in the eyes of investors both here and overseas,"

"The ACA strongly supports the legislation and urges the Senate to pass the Bills without delay," Mr Le Compte said.

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The members of the Australian Constructors Association have a combined annual revenue exceeding \$50 billion and directly employ over 100,000 workers.