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## AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES TURNBULL GOVERNMENT ON ABCC LEGISLATION

The Australian Constructors Association (ACA), which represents Australia's largest construction companies, today congratulated the Turnbull Government following the passage through Parliament of the Bill to re-establish the ABCC and achieve other industry improvements.

Speaking about the legislation ACA President, John Flecker, said that the ACA had supported the establishment of the ABCC following the Cole Royal Commission and has maintained its support for its re-establishment through the many parliamentary and other inquiries leading up to the final shaping of the current legislation.

"The ABCC legislation, and the Code that will govern industry operations that will follow its commencement, will have a long term effect on the operation of the industry. It will enable the industry to achieve a long overdue structural and cultural change that will lead to a more diverse and skilled workforce where workers will be protected from bullying, harassment and intimidation".

"Senator Cash is to be congratulated for her efforts and commitment in managing the passage of the legislation through the Senate, and the ACA looks forward to working with the government in the implementation of the legislation and the important amendments relating to procurement policy and security of payment for subcontractors", Mr Flecker said.

Mr Flecker went on to say that the ACA urges the Senate not to reject the forthcoming Code when it is tabled in Parliament as to do so will significantly negate the potential of the legislation to support a more sustainable industry that is able to build Australia's future and add employment and economic benefits to the country as a whole.

### Further Information

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*The members of the Australian Constructors Association have combined annual revenue in Australia exceeding \$50 billion and directly employ over 100,000 workers with many more employed on ACA member projects through subcontractor arrangements.*