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PEAK CONSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION CONFIRMS EVIDENCE GIVEN BY ABCC COMMISSIONER AT SENATE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

The Australian Constructors Association (ACA), the industry body that represents the largest construction companies operating in Australia, today supported evidence given at a Parliamentary Estimates Committee hearing this week by the ABCC Commissioner Nigel Hadgkiss.

ACA President, John Flecker, said that the ACA had been made aware of a media report that during recent proceedings of the Senate Education and Employment Estimates Committee, Senator Doug Cameron (ALP) is reported to have said that he had been informed that Mr Hadgkiss had attended a meeting of the Board of the ACA on 4 May 2017, and during a briefing had said to the Board members that he “looked forward to seeing some of them in jail in the near future”.

It is reported that in response to the information advanced by Senator Cameron Mr Hadgkiss confirmed that he had made a verbal presentation to the Board of the ACA on the day in question, but denied making the comments attributed to him.

Commenting on the issue, ACA President John Flecker said “I was present and chaired the ACA Board meeting attended by Mr Hadgkiss and can definitely say that Mr Hadgkiss did not make the statement attributed to him”.

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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.