

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP FORUM

A joint forum of leaders from industry and the Victorian and NSW public sectors that convenes at least every six months to drive improved collaboration and action around procurement and delivery of major government infrastructure projects, including through addressing capability and capacity constraints.

ISSUE

A significant pipeline of current and future government infrastructure projects in NSW, Victoria and other States is driving the need for new approaches in procurement and project execution in order to ensure the industry remains sustainable and able to effectively and efficiently respond to the community's infrastructure needs.

Over the next 10 years an unprecedented level of public investment across transport and social infrastructure will place pressure on government and industry to respond without driving up costs and stretching out delivery timeframes.

Through government and industry working together to define the major challenges in procurement and project delivery as early as possible, a joint response can be planned and risks to governments' infrastructure investments avoided.

PURPOSE

The overall purpose of the Forum is to improve the effectiveness and value (to governments and industry) of the procurement and delivery of governments' infrastructure programs.

The Forum is action orientated with a focus on setting a common agenda for change; knowledge transfer across private and public sectors; and a programme of activities to implement agreed change.

Key focus areas include:

-) Building common understanding of capability and capacity gaps
-) Coordinated approach to addressing skill gaps in the sector (short, medium and long term)
-) Promoting the attractiveness of the sector and industry-wide skills development and retention
-) Promoting improved culture, diversity and inclusiveness, and in particular gender balance, in the construction sector
-) Breaking down barriers to skills transferability and mobility into the sector
-) Reducing time and cost of tendering
-) Optimising risk allocation between government and industry
-) Identifying innovative procurement models and forms of contracting to achieve best value and greatest long run benefit for government projects
-) Harmonisation of critical contractual and commercial terms and definitions.

OUTCOMES

Agreed actions will be implemented collaboratively by the public and private sectors with a view to:

-) Developing capability and skills to ensure projects are delivered effectively
-) More streamlined and efficient bid processes to ensure that money is not wasted and resources are focused on the most important issues
-) Ensuring projects are delivered on time and on budget.

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