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### Contract requirements might breach building code 2013



When entering into contracts for building work, take care not to agree to engage in conduct that may breach the Building Code 2013. Provisions relating to union officials and subcontractors may breach the Code.

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### VIC: New rules on building sites

From 4th July builders in Victoria who carry out construction work without a permit will be subject to fines of almost \$160,000 for individuals or \$800,000 for companies. The new law represents the first of a two-stage process of change which is designed to improve building industry regulation throughout Victoria.

[Click here to read Victorian Building Authority's Practice Note 2016-32](#), and [here to read more](#)



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## Action on construction sector insolvencies hits concrete wall



While hundreds of companies become insolvent every month, no short term action appears to be likely with regards to insolvency within Australia's construction sector. Following the [Senate inquiry into insolvency](#) the government has not provided a response to recommendations for significant reform to deal with the issues.

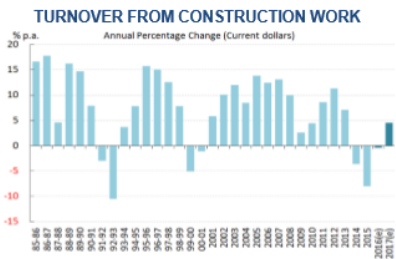
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## AIG/ACA predict modest construction recovery in 2017

The latest Australian Industry Group/Australian Constructors Association Construction Outlook survey forecasts a modest recovery of major project construction, led by a recovery in the infrastructure and commercial sectors and further growth in apartment building.

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## Transport, NBN to drive engineering construction turnaround

Releasing its latest 14-year forecast for engineering construction activity in Australia, industry research firm BIS Shrapnel says that while oil and gas projects have fallen away, the transport and telecommunications sectors will lead growth in 2016/17.

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# The National Construction Code 2016 is now in effect



1 May 2016 is the national adoption date for NCC 2016, incorporating all of the latest amendments into both the Building and Plumbing Codes of Australia.

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## ACIF pushes for improved productivity and safety

The Australian Construction Industry Forum has released to the major parties leading up to the election, its 2016 Policy Priorities. These focus on the re-establishment of the ABCC, a regime to address non-conforming building products, national harmonisation of licensing and the establishment of an Australian Centre for Procurement Excellence.



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## PPSA explained by EC Credit Control

Following on from the presentation from Moray's Tina van Epen at the Perth meeting, this short explanatory video on PPS might be of interest. [Click to view video](#)



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