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### States should follow Fed's lead in infrastructure investment

State Governments need to invest in infrastructure as a way of boosting economic growth and prosperity, increasing productivity and creating new jobs. The Federal Government has committed \$50 billion to infrastructure and according to National Precast CEO Sarah Bachmann, State Governments need to consider a similar investment. [Read more.](#)



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### Construction sector women's Leadership Grants



The 2016 National Industry Scholarship Grant Initiative presents women in the construction industry with the opportunity to achieve their goals of personal and professional development, leadership and management. Applications for the Scholarship close on March 31. [Read more.](#)

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## National Construction Code 2016

The National Construction Code for 2016 is now available on the new Australian Building Codes Board website. [Read More.](#)



## Building starts slow in 2016



Building starts for both private sector houses and other residential builds have slowed according to the latest ABS results. Dwelling approvals fell one per cent in January, as a 10 month decline continues. [Read more.](#)

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## Apartments are in style

The Eastern States have all seen apartments rising in popularity, according to the Property Council of Australia. [Read more.](#)



## Construction union fined



A Federal Court Justice has fined the CFMEU \$48,000 for threatening to disrupt work on a Melbourne train station in 2013. This fine comes after they agreed to pay \$3.55 million to property developer Grocon over a blockade in 2012. [Read more.](#)

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## Construction prices rise as trade shortages grow

Tender price escalation for major construction projects is set to increase as trade shortages worsen, according to a report by WT Partnership. A boom in apartments is resulting in a shortage of subcontractor availability on major residential and commercial developments. [Read more.](#)



Why under-quoting hurts everyone



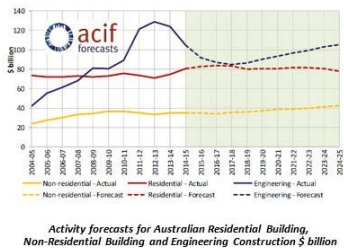
How under-quoting on small or large scale jobs can affect those involved. [Read more.](#)

The importance of Management Liability and Directors & Officers' Insurance

Advice from BJS Insurance Brokers highlighting the importance of being covered if a claim were to arise. [Read more.](#)



The ACIF's latest Forecast



The Australian Construction Industry has released the latest forecast for the building and construction industry. [Read more.](#)

Collaboration and off-site construction can deliver landmark projects

Raj Kotecha, Engineering Project Leader of Laing O'Rourke discusses how off-site construction, including products such as precast concrete, can improve safety, productivity, quality, cost certainty and sustainability. [Read more.](#)



# Turnaround in construction outlook



An increase in infrastructure activity is set to increase construction work in Australia, according to the latest Australian Industry Group/Australian Constructors Association Construction Outlook survey. [Read more.](#)

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