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Centre of Procurement Excellence proposed for NSW

A NSW Parliamentary Committee has recommended the establishment of a Centre of Procurement Excellence in NSW to encourage consistent procurement practices across government.

[Access the report](#)

Sustainable procurement - guidance

The International Organisation for Standardization (ISO), has recently released ISO 20400, the world's first international standard for sustainable procurement.

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How new Commonwealth procurement rules will impact your next tender

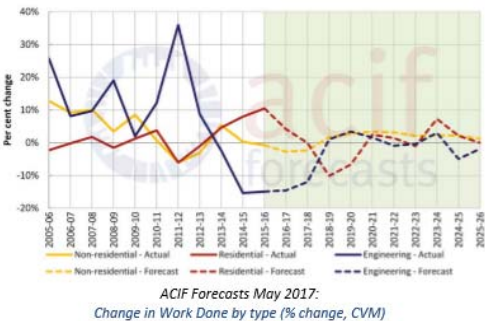
Changes to Commonwealth Procurement rules (Government Procurement Bill 2017) will ensure that local workers and suppliers have reasonable opportunity to participate in Commonwealth funded project tenders.

[Access the bill](#)

ACIF forecasts show double dip downturn in the Australian construction market

The ACIF Forecasts for May 2017 show that Engineering Construction is midway through a sharp downslide.

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Apartment construction hit, says Ai Group

March figures from the Ai Group show apartment, commercial and engineering construction activity levels declined, and, in the case of apartment construction, at a faster pace than February.

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Federal budget to help drive 30% rise in public infrastructure construction

The 2017-18 Federal Budget will help deliver a strong boost to Australia's \$80 billion civil construction market, offsetting further declines in resources-related work, according to BIS Oxford Economics (BIS).

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Top 100 infrastructure proposals

Roads and transport projects dominate the latest list of national infrastructure priorities and proposals released by Infrastructure Australia.

[Access the latest list here](#)

Is innovation in construction leading to the end of the traditional tradesman?

Traditional on-site fabrication processes are progressively yielding to off-site fabrication and on-site assembly. What's old will probably never be new again, at least in construction. Does this spell the end to what might be described as the backbone of the industry, 'the traditional tradesman?'

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Suppliers to lose millions after Perth builder goes into administration

Bulton Group went into administration in January, stopping work on more than 100 building sites around Perth, owing millions of dollars to creditors and leaving dozens of staff unemployed.

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Queensland to introduce mandatory licensing for labour hire companies

Under the proposed mandatory licensing scheme, all labour hire providers in Queensland will have to pass a fit and proper person test, comply with strict workplace laws including workers' compensation, wages and superannuation, pay a license fee, report regularly on their operations, and reveal the number of employees they have engaged as well as the number of employees engaged through work visa programs.

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Precast profitable for U.S. contractor

A U.S. contractor has focused on adding project value and slashing waste and time, by building with precast.

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Towers to be built off-site

The technical director of Laing O'Rourke in the U.K. says space shortages and client demands will lead to a shift in the construction of towers, and that the next generation of skyscrapers could be pieced together entirely from off-site production lines.

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