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## Have you seen our recent tenders?

Precaster members... did you see and respond to the recent tenders we emailed you?

- 13/2/15 - Bradfield College upgrade - Crows Nest, NSW
- 13/2/15 - Spring Farm Public School - Spring Farm, NSW
- 13/2/15 - Sydney Park bike track - Sydney, NSW
- 13/3/15 - The Turner Road water servicing project - Berowra Heights, NSW
- 18/3/15 - Apartments - Toorak, VIC
- 18/3/15 - New Perth Stadium and Sports Precinct - Perth, WA
- 18/3/15 - Caroline Springs Mazda, Caroline Springs, VIC
- 20/3/15 - Motel - Toowoomba, QLD



## Design and Construct Contracts: Who suffers when things go wrong?

D&C or D&B contracting has become increasingly popular. However for those that are unfamiliar with the differences between D&C and lump sum build contracts, such ignorance can be detrimental.

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## Can contractual determinations be challenged?

Some contracts call for a determination made by the Superintendent and/or an independent expert. These determinations can sometimes favour one party at the expense of the other. This brings about the question, can a determination be challenged?

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### When is a crack a defect?

What defines a defect and when is a "crack" considered one? Standards, legislation, and court cases can all be used to answer this question.

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### Strong growth in Sydney and Melbourne residential markets, say reports

The Sydney housing market for residential projects is already booming and that's not likely to change, according to a new report by the Property Council which predicts continued shortfalls in, and consequent high demand for, Sydney housing. Melbourne is likely to follow suit. A Bankwest report shows medium density approvals experienced a 114% increase.

More about the Sydney residential market [here](#) and more about the Melbourne residential market [here](#).

Bankwest's Housing Density Reports for all states are available [here](#).



### Colliers report that Sydney and Melbourne office markets gather pace

According to Colliers International's latest metropolitan Office Research and Forecast Report, record demand for metropolitan office space in Sydney and Melbourne in 2014, is set to lead healthy activity in the sector in 2015.

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### Brisbane apartment market gathers pace, says CBRE

According to CBRE Australia, new apartments and a limited number of offices are set to replace older Brisbane office buildings.

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### Where the steel industry is heading: world's tallest prefab building

The world's tallest prefab building - [Mini Sky in China](#) - has just been completed. At 57 stories high, it uses steel, not concrete, for its structure.

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Everything's bigger in the US!

The size of the precast elements for the Olmstead Locks and Dam project on the Ohio River in the US has to be seen to be believed. Huge 4,260t precast shells that are 30m by 38m and only 0.9m thick are cast on the river bank then carefully lifted and transported via catamaran to their final place in the river. Still under construction, precast manufacture for the project began in 2012. The project won't be completed until 2024!

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## Moray & Agnew information sessions

Moray & Agnew are running some information sessions on topics such as contract information and drafting, common contractual claims (including developments in security of payment legislation) and workplace health and safety.

They have kindly invited members to attend these sessions for free that will be held at their Newcastle office from 4-6pm on the following dates:




- Session 1 – 31 March 2015 (Tendering, contract formation and key contract administration risks)
- Session 2 – 21 April 2015 (Recent Security of Payment developments and topical contractual issues)
- Session 3 – 26 May 2015 (Workplace relations in 2015)

The invitation and further detail concerning each session's content can be found [here](#)

## Leading Quality and Risk Management Standards

<b>AS/NZS ISO 9001:2008</b> , Quality management systems - Requirements	<a href="#">Preview</a>
<b>AS/NZS ISO 14001:2004</b> , Environmental management systems - Requirements with guidance for use	<a href="#">Preview</a>
<b>AS 3806-2006</b> , Compliance programs	<a href="#">Preview</a>
<b>AS/NZS ISO 19011:2014</b> , Guidelines for auditing management systems	<a href="#">Preview</a>
<b>HB 90.1:2012</b> , The Small Business Handbook - Guide to ISO 9001:2008	<a href="#">Preview</a>
<b>AS/NZS 10002:2014</b> , Guidelines for complaint management in organisations	<a href="#">Preview</a>
<b>AS/NZS ISO 9004:2011</b> , Managing for the sustained success of an organisation - A quality management approach	<a href="#">Preview</a>
<b>AS/NZS 4801:2001</b> , Occupational health and safety management systems - Specification with guidance for use	<a href="#">Preview</a>
<b>AS/NZS 5050:2010</b> , Business continuity - Managing disruption-related risk	<a href="#">Preview</a>

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