

Grant Thornton's Federal
Budget wrap-up

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Extreme weather prompts a review of the National Code

Recent extreme weather has motivated the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) to review standards for new buildings. [Read more](#)

Construction of high-rise apartments is on the up

More cranes are now being devoted to the construction of high-rise apartments in Australian capital cities than to offices. [Read more](#)



CSR and Boral join forces as the demand for bricks falls

Despite a general increase in construction activity, total brick production in Australia has fallen by 46 per cent from its peak in 1981. [Read more](#)

Reinstating Australia's building industry watchdog

Industry groups are supporting the proposal to reinstate the ABCC. Read what [MBA](#), [AiGroup](#), [NECA](#), [Lend Lease](#) and [Master Electricians Australia](#) have to say.

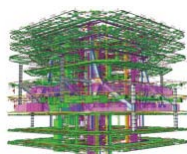


Manufacturing industry isn't 'all doom and gloom'

Australia's manufacturing sector is not all doom and gloom despite the recent string of job losses, according to a newly-released report. [Read more](#)

A new player in the structural walling systems market

CSR has announced the acquisition of AFS Products Group Ltd, giving them a platform to enter the structural walling systems market. [Read more](#)



NATSPEC releases Global BIM education report

NATSPEC has published a report summarising the current status of BIM education in a number of countries across the globe. [Read more](#)

Geopolymer related opportunity for precasters

University of South Australia is interested in collaborating with the cement, concrete and precast concrete industries. [Read more](#)



Government delivers infrastructure agenda

The Government's \$35.5 billion commitment to delivering infrastructure to Australia took a step forward in Federal Parliament. [Read more](#)

Dutch architects to build world's first 3D printed house

Almost every day for the past month, a crowd of curious onlookers has gathered in Amsterdam, mesmerised by three curious structures. [Read more](#)



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