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## National Precast is going to Sydney Register

Welcome to National Precast's *Legal & Commercial* e-newsletter. Here to keep you up-to-date with the latest precast-related legal and commercial developments.

We welcome content from Members.





# Confidence builds in QLDs construction industry

The Brisbane show grounds are set to be transformed in a 2.9 billion dollar project that includes the vibrant King Street precinct, a four star international hotel, 40 retail and food outlets and 408 new residences. Read more

## Construction employment hits all time high

This could be the change the Australian construction industry has been waiting for. For the first time in 30 years, construction employment has hit an all time high. Read more





#### Aecom Blue Book

If you are looking for a global perspective on the construction industry, Aecom's Blue Book is great resource for forecasting trends in the industry. <u>Read more</u>

#### Why construction companies are thinking like manufacturers

Construction is often laggard when it comes to innovation, but as companies including Laing O'Rourke, Hickory Group and Aconex show, thinking differently pays. Read more





#### **BIM & precast concrete**

Jason Pickup has undertaken a thesis research project on BIM, surveying precast companies, and has developed a strategic guide for BIM adoption in precast concrete firms. See the survey results here & Read the guide here

# Want to know the latest in civil works around the country?

Roads Australia's fortnightly publication '*Insider*' provides details of projects that are in the pipeline, such as Sydney's M5



East and Melbourne's CityLink Tulla widening. Read more



South Australian precast manufacturers Hicrete Precast SA Pty Ltd and Precast Concrete Systems have announced a merger. They shall now be trading as Hicrete Precast Systems Pty Ltd. Check out their website here.

#### Infrastructure spending dives in coalition's first year

The latest raft of data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) indicates that public sector spending on infrastructure has plummeted to a six-year low as state governments curb their outlays in a bid to improve budgetary health. Read more



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#### **ACIF forecast**



Australian Construction Industry Forum (ACIF) has released new forecasts that show serious shortfalls or oversupply are expected for key building assets -including classrooms, hospital beds, office, retail and industrial space plus housing - in communities around Australia. <u>Read more</u>

## Precast / Prestressed **Concrete Institute**

Industry association for precast concrete in the United States - PCI put out a quarterly publication covering a range of precast related topics. The latest issue has a comparative life cycle assessment of precast concrete commercial buildings. <u>Read more</u>

Fellow National Precast Members BJS Insurance, Grant Thorton and Moray & Agnew are a valuable source of the latest updates in insurance, accounting and legal.

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