



## Representation & Advocacy

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### Attention all CIVIL Precaster (and Supplier) members!

WA Coroner's Court considering extension of AS 3850 to civil works

**Responses needed by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

National Precast has been approached by Toby Bishop of the Coroner's Court of WA, regarding an impending inquest into the death of Robert Serjeant while moving a soak well lid.

**The Court is aware of the recent review and publication of AS 3850 and that its scope only applies to building construction.**

Because the death occurred as part of civil works, the inquest will be considering whether the scope of the revised AS 3850 should also apply to civil works. If the Coroner decides in the positive, a recommendation would then go to Standards Australia to proceed with a further review of the standard to include civil works (likely to be via an additional Part 3). We understand that such recommendations are generally well received by Standards Australia.

In preparing the case for the Coroner, Toby has requested input from NP members on whether they believe the scope of the standard *should in fact* be extended to civil works (and if not, why not). Accordingly, we are seeking member input so that a response can be submitted to the Court.

**Please would you email Sarah before Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, your feedback as to whether the standard's scope should be extended.**

Please be as detailed as possible, particularly in relation to any reasons why the scope should not be extended.

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