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Union steps up pressure in QLD

National Precast member, Enco Precast, was recently visited by CFMEU delegates at their Seventeen Mile Rocks' factory in Brisbane.

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Precast to boost local economy

Steelvision is building a precast concrete facility, which will employ more than 55 people, following a boost from Victoria's state government.

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Precast in naval base upgrade

A Western Australian precaster, Precast Australia, is supplying precast concrete elements to the redevelopment of the HMAS Stirling naval base in Perth. The contract with Built Environs is valued at \$500,000.

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Infrastructure project faces industrial strife

VIC's West Gate Tunnel project is in deepening industry turmoil, with Phabcast – the Benalla-based precaster supplying the project – locked in a dispute with the AWU and CFMEU. [Read more](#)

New guidelines from Infrastructure Australia

Infrastructure Australia has set a new benchmark for project transparency and accountability. The guidelines aim to reduce instances of major projects receiving funding before the appropriate planning and assessments have been completed.

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Learning from overseas collapses

An article from the ABCB details what the Australian construction industry can learn from the BubbleDeck collapse at Eindhoven Airport (NLD) and the multistorey carpark fire in Liverpool (UK).

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NSW SoP decision overrules Vic precedent

A recent NSW Supreme Court decision now means that an insolvent contractor can claim under Security of Payment legislation, rejecting a Victorian Court of Appeal precedent as 'plainly wrong'. This may have significant ramifications for companies in the construction industry.

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Supreme Court of New South Wales



3D concrete printing market expected to rise

The global 3D concrete printing market is expected to register a compound annual growth rate of approximately 17% by 2023, according to the Global 3D Concrete Printing Industry Market Research report. The report is \$2,960 USD (single user) and \$4,500 USD (enterprise).

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Biggest fall in construction since GFC

A Building in Australia 2018-2033 report forecasts building commencements to fall 10% over the next two years. This will be driven by a 23% correction in residential buildings and is expected to be the sharpest decline since the 2008 global financial crisis.

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Value of apartment construction work set to fall 19% in 2019

The value of work in the commercial building and infrastructure sectors is set for a major downturn, as tighter lending conditions and surging construction material costs weigh on profitability.

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QLD project pipeline at risk of stalling

A new report reveals that Queensland's major infrastructure projects are at risk of stalling over the next two years, due to a lack of investment from the private sector.

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Celebrating Melbourne's first skyscraper

2018 marks the 60th anniversary of Melbourne's first skyscraper, ICU House. Designed by Bates Smart McCutcheon and including an innovative use of precast concrete, the tower has been celebrated with the release of a collectable 1:500scale bamboo model.

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