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Strongbuild in voluntary administration

This follows Frasers Australia reportedly pulling out of a contract two weeks from commencement, leaving a \$6 million gap in expected earnings.

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Queensland precaster purchases quarry
Wagners have acquired the Castlereagh Hard Rock Quarry at Cloncurry in Queensland. The Quarry is a key source of all quarry products for concrete, draining aggregates, sealing, railway ballast, crusher dust, and more.

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Demand for concrete expected to rise
Major infrastructure projects underway in eastern Australia are expected to lift the demand for concrete and related products over the next five years, new figures reveal.

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New South Wales precaster under the hammer
Evolution Precast Systems' shareholders have called in advisers to pitch the business to potential trade and private equity buyers, following a strategic review.





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Construction Product Alliance (CPA) welcomes Senate report on non-conforming building products





The report endorsed a number of proposals advanced by the CPA and will be an important reference point for future action to address the non-conforming building product dilemma.

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 <p>Chain of Responsibility</p>	<p>Amendments to Heavy Vehicle National Law 2012 (HVNL)</p> <p>Significant amendments have been made to the HVNLT, with immediate effect. These include a revision of the concept of ‘Chain of Responsibility’, and consequences that may flow from non-compliance.</p> <p>Read more</p>
<p>Queensland Government policy requires BIM</p> <p>The Digital Enablement for Queensland Infrastructure – Principles for BIM Implementation policy means that the use of BIM is now required on all new government construction projects greater than \$50 million.</p> <p>Read more</p>	
<p>Home building gives construction a \$7 billion leg-up</p> <p>ACIF Forecasts show that Australia’s home buildings pipeline will add an extra \$7 billion to the construction industry this year.</p> <p>Read more</p>	
	<p>Property developers now seen to warrant development work, regardless of builder’s performance</p> <p>The New South Wales Court of Appeal is examining the liability of developers and builders for defects in design under the Home Building Act 1989.</p> <p>Read more</p>

<p>Value capture models maximise returns</p> <p>Using value capture models allow public and private investors to leverage opportunities with Australia's \$70 billion infrastructure spend.</p> <p>Read more</p>	
<p>The Commonwealth of Australia</p> <p>Government</p> 	<p>Commonwealth intervention to change casual work</p> <p>WorkPac, the labour hire firm subject to a ruling that a casual truck driver was entitled to paid leave entitlements, has filed a separate action seeking a declaration that another employee was a casual worker and not entitled to leave. The Commonwealth proposes to intervene, after employer groups raised concerns about leave entitlements.</p> <p>Read more</p>
<p>Changes to wage payments and termination rules</p> <p>Last month, the Full Bench of the Fair Work Commission expanded the right to request flexible work arrangements. This includes changes to payment of wages and other entitlements as well as the deduction of wages from termination payments for failure to give notice.</p> <p>Read more</p>	

 <p>MODERN SLAVERY</p>  <p>THE NSW MODERN SLAVERY ACT IS HERE 16 JULY 18</p>	<p>New South Wales takes to combat modern slavery</p> <p>Modern slavery reporting requirements will commence soon for thousands of organisations, with New South Wales legislating its own regime to complement the Commonwealth's.</p> <p>Read more here or here</p>
<p>Planning liveable cities</p> <p>Infrastructure Australia has released the Planning Liveable cities: A place-based approach to sequencing infrastructure and growth report. This comes as the eighth report in their Reform Series and details advice to governments, industry, and the community on sequencing the delivery of housing and infrastructure.</p> <p>Read more</p>	
 <p>Review of Unfair Contract Term Protections for Small Business</p> <p>Discussion Paper November 2018</p>	<p>Review of Unfair Contract Term Protections for Small Business underway</p> <p>The Federal Government is reviewing the extension to small business contracts, and is seeking feedback on the impact and whether the objective set for the original reform has been met. Submissions close Friday 21st December.</p> <p>Read more</p>



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