

INDUSTRY LAUNCHES PRE-ELECTION PLATFORM AS A CALL TO ACTION

Industry association, Consult Australia's South Australian Division has today released its policy platform, *Promoting Excellence in the Built Environment* as a blueprint for revitalising the state's economy.

Consult Australia's SA State Manager, Jan Irvine warned that the troubles currently faced by the built environment industry is a sign of what may be soon to come across the wider business community if things do not change.

"With the decline in resources projects and a contraction in government investment in infrastructure, South Australia risks losing the best part of an industry fifteen years in the making, and the envy of advanced economies across the world," said Ms Irvine.

"As both sides of Parliament prepare for an upcoming state election, this platform is a call to action and provides commonsense recommendations that will help secure a more productive, prosperous future for all of South Australia."

Planning and developing a stronger infrastructure pipeline; releasing new funds for infrastructure investment; supporting best practice procurement; and creating a better business environment are all recommendations outlined in the Association's policy platform.

Representatives of Consult Australia's South Australian Division discussed these issues at a boardroom luncheon held on 21 February with Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, the Hon Jamie Briggs MP.

"*Promoting Excellence in the Built Environment* provides the basis for a new conversation with all spheres of government; supporting a better future for our member firms, wider industry, government and the broader community," said Ms Irvine.

"Our meeting with Assistant Minister Briggs was an important opportunity to kick-start these conversations.

"Consult Australia looks forward to working both with the Federal Government and the South Australian Parliament in the term ahead to realise a more prosperous future for the state."

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For further information or to arrange an interview, please contact SA State Manager, Jan Irvine on 0408 845 975 or via email to jan@consultaaustralia.com.au.

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