

# NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FORUM MEETING

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## Blueprint for the Future – a Building and Construction Industry that works for everyone

Today, key building and construction industry leaders representing unions, head contractors, subcontractors, and government unanimously agreed to work together to bring real long-term change to the building and construction industry.

The building and construction industry is vital to Australia's future.

It is the second largest contributor to economic growth, delivers nearly 1 in 10 jobs, accounts for the highest share of all business and employees employed in a small business across all industries, and is a cornerstone of economic activity. It plays a crucial role in delivering the infrastructure and housing needed for Australia's growing and changing population, and for the energy transition underway in the economy.

National Construction Industry Forum members agreed that significant immediate and long-term challenges across a range of areas, including industry culture, must be addressed with urgency.

Members agreed to come together in a tripartite manner to develop a constructive dialogue and work together to address these challenges – for the good of the industry and everyone who relies on it.

### A Blueprint for Change

The Forum agreed to seize this unprecedented moment to collaboratively identify the sectors' key challenges, which will ultimately underpin a **Building and Construction Industry Blueprint**. This will identify and prioritise the industry's key challenges and develop a staged workplan for the Forum to consider appropriate solutions. The aim of this work will be to create lasting and tangible change within the industry.

Forum members agreed to meet as required with the aim of developing the blueprint within 6 months.

Forum members strongly agreed that the Blueprint will complement existing work underway, and clearly articulate the roles and responsibilities of, and interactions between, other relevant bodies, including the States and Territories, other Commonwealth Government building and construction forums and groups, and relevant regulators.

The government will commit necessary resources across relevant departments to coordinate the Forum's work, including for any subcommittees, separate streams of work, or external facilitation that the Forum agrees may be needed to ensure the Blueprint's development and support its implementation.