

CONSULTANTS DELIVER VALUE FOR MONEY

Consult Australia Chief Executive Officer, Megan Motto today highlighted the important role that consultants play in allowing government to deliver essential services.

Speaking in response to an article that appeared today in *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Canberra Times*, Ms Motto emphasised the vital function of consultants in providing specialised expertise and the financial logic of this approach.

“Governments should not seek to replace critical bureaucratic functions, but should retain flexibility to use those consultants best placed to deliver value for money for the taxpayer,” said Ms Motto.

“The use of consultants can be a more effective use of taxpayer money as it prevents agencies having to take on full time employees who may provide a service required only once every couple of years.”

Ms Motto also notes the industry’s ability to access world-class expertise efficiently and develop clear recommendations leading to an informed government.

“A clear example of this is where consultants have been used to determine the viability of a high speed rail network, or a second Sydney airport.

“Clearly this is preferable to recruiting permanent officers to undertake this work.

“As the Australian Government delivers on a critical \$37 billion capital works program; revitalising road; rail; and public transport, and with an infrastructure spend this year alone topping a record \$8 billion, the value of those experts consulting in the built and natural environment and supporting delivery, should not be overlooked.

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Consult Australia is the association for professional services firms within the built and natural environment; influencing policy, creating value and promoting excellence.

As an association, Consult Australia’s primary focus is on improving the commercial environment for its members and raising standards across the industry.

Consult Australia’s member firms services include, but are not limited to: design; architecture; technology; engineering; planning; landscape architecture; surveying; cost consulting (quantity surveyors); project management; and management solutions. The Association represent some of the industry’s biggest players in this space with its member firms collectively employing more than 50,000 staff.