

CONSULT AUSTRALIA APPOINTS NEW PRESIDENT & BOARD

Experienced infrastructure and property professional and Rider Levett Bucknall Director, Matthew Harris has been appointed President of the industry association for built environment consulting firms, Consult Australia.

Consult Australia's Chief Executive Officer, Megan Motto said that Matt's appointment signifies a timely and strategic move by Consult Australia.

"At a time where infrastructure is so high on the agenda—not only for industry, but politicians and the Australian community alike—the appointment of Matt Harris will help guide Consult Australia as we work to improve the operating environment for members," said Ms Motto.

During Matt's employment with global property and construction practice, Rider Levett Bucknall he has been appointed to National Director of the RLB Group in 2004 and in 2007 was tasked with developing a National Infrastructure Business for the firm.

Mr Harris said that he is committed implementing Consult Australia's Strategic Plan and Vision to be the trusted voice for professional service firms in the built and natural environment.

"The values and professionalism espoused by Consult Australia are well aligned with my own standards and those of RLB," said Mr Harris.

"I believe I can add a holistic and highly informed voice to the Board and be a positive contribution to Consult Australia's new direction and aim to achieve a wider representation of consultants from the sector."

The new Board of Consult Australia is comprised of continuing Directors: James Wright (Beca) and Joanne Metcalfe (GHD), re-elected member: Ian Hopkins (NDY) and new members: Camille McGregor (Sinclair Knight Merz), Neill Stevens (NS Projects) and Kiri Parr (Arup).

Outgoing President Jamie Shelton of Northrop Engineers said that he has complete and unwavering faith in Matt's ability to provide guiding support to Consult Australia.

"There remains a lot of unfinished work to be done as Consult Australia strives to become the association of choice for all consultants who work in the built environment," said Mr Shelton.

"I'm pleased to be handing over to a new President, with a refreshed Board and a skilled and experienced CEO, who together will bring success to Consult Australia and facilitate a prosperous industry."

Matt Harris was appointed President at Consult Australia's Board meeting, which took place on 6 December 2013 in Melbourne.

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About Consult Australia

Consult Australia is the leading not-for-profit association that represents the business interests of consulting firms operating in the built and natural environment.

Our member firms include: Arup, Aurecon, Beca, BG&E, Cox Architects, GHD, Hyder Consulting, MWH, Norman Disney & Young, Rider Levett Bucknall, Sinclair Knight Merz, SMEC and WorleyParsons.

We represent an industry comprising some 48,000 firms across Australia, ranging from sole practitioners through to some of Australia's top 500 firms. Collectively, our industry is estimated to employ over 240,000 people, and generate combined revenue exceeding \$40 billion a year.