

END INNOVATION BLOCKERS

Built environment bodies seek change through WA Government Inquiry

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A powerful group representing individuals and firms in engineering, design, architecture and construction have called for action to aid innovation as part of their submission to a Parliamentary Inquiry.

Consult Australia, the Association of Consulting Architects, Australian Institute of Architects, and Master Builders Association delivered the joint message this week [26/07/17] as part of the *Inquiry in Government Programs and Projects*.

Steve Coghlan, Consult Australia WA State Manager said: “Collectively our organisations plan, design and build Western Australia. Every minute of every hour of everyday there are people across our professions putting passion into shaping a better future for our state. Yet there are blockers that prevent innovation and cost the tax payer. Our submission highlights those blockers.”

Focussing on long term infrastructure planning, how risk and responsibility is shared across projects, and ways to encourage innovation, the joint submission is the first step to what the group hope will be a new approach to government and industry collaboration in Western Australia.

Steve added: “This report is not about throwing stones – neither government or industry is perfect. It about feeding in best practice from elsewhere, identifying how good we could be, then working collaboratively to get there for the benefit of taxpayers.”

Former Under Treasurer John Langoulant is heading the Commission of Inquiry with a final report expecting in October 2017. The submission, ‘Government as Model Client’ is available for download [here](#).

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. **Interview requests:** To interview Steve Coghlan, Consult Australia WA State Manager, please call +61 420901276
2. **About Consult Australia:** Consult Australia is the industry association representing consulting firms operating in the built and natural environment sectors. These services include design, engineering, architecture, technology, survey, legal and management solutions for individual consumers through to major companies in the private and public sector including local, state and federal governments. We represent an industry comprising some 48, 900 firms across Australia, ranging from sole practitioners through to some of Australia's top 500 firms with combined revenue exceeding \$40 billion a year.