

A VISIONARY CABINET WELCOMED BY BUILT ENVIRONMENT INDUSTRIES

Industry association Consult Australia, representing professional services firms across the built environment, congratulates Prime Minister Turnbull and his Government on a Cabinet that reflects the power of diversity and renewal to foster productivity and confidence.

Consult Australia Chief Executive Megan Motto states: 'This cabinet builds a foundation for strong evidence-based policy development supporting productivity, jobs and business confidence.

'We congratulate the Hon Jamie Briggs MP as Minister for Cities and the Built Environment, a portfolio long called-for by industry, recognising the critical role of our cities in driving national productivity and supporting a better standard of living for the over 80 per cent of Australians that live in major cities.

'We welcome the continuation of the Government's strong infrastructure agenda through the leadership provided by Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Warren Truss MP.

'Alongside the delivery of the Government's infrastructure priorities, the creation of a Cities & Built Environment portfolio reflects the important role of the Federal Government to help co-ordinate and lead evidence-based policy nationally, and support collaboration across our states, territories and local government for more productive, sustainable and liveable cities.

'As business knows, workforce diversity is an important part of effective decision making. It is refreshing to see this reflected in increased Ministerial diversity overall, alongside renewed leadership on this issue through the appointment of Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash as Minister for Women.

'As we transition from the resources boom, the focus of this cabinet on productivity, participation and innovation across all parts of the economy, reflects a strong start for the Turnbull Government, that we look forward to supporting through what we hope continues in a collaborative and consultative relationship with business.'

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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: AECOM, SMEC, GHD, Jacobs, Calibre Consulting, Golder Associates, Kellogg Brown & Root, Opus International Consultants, Aurecon, Rider Levett Bucknall, WSP/PB 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.