

INTRODUCING CONSULT AUSTRALIA'S NEW PRESIDENT

Consult Australia congratulates Rowenna Walker on her appointment to the Presidency of Consult Australia

Consult Australia is delighted to announce that Rowenna Walker has been appointed to the Presidency of Consult Australia. After being re-elected to the Board at our Annual General Meeting, Rowenna Walker, Aurecon's Regional Managing Director for NSW & ACT, will serve two years as president.

Consult Australia is the industry association representing consulting businesses in design, advisory and engineering, an industry comprised of over 55,000 businesses across Australia. This includes some of Australia's top 500 companies and many small businesses (97%).

Nicola Grayson, Chief Executive of Consult Australia, said,

"Rowenna has over 20 years of international experience in the consulting sector, is a passionate leader, and outstanding contributor to Consult Australia."

Rowenna has served two years on the Board as Vice-President. In setting out her aspirations as President, Rowenna said,

"Our industry plays a critical role in shaping our future, that's why I am passionate about its success and sustainability. I plan to build on the success and momentum that Consult Australia has achieved in advocacy to embed our value as the leading voice for businesses in Design, Advisory and Engineering.

"Our industry is facing significant challenge, which is stifling our productivity. Our focus will be on working collaboratively across governments and industry to deliver solutions-based reforms that support a vibrant culture and enhance productivity for the betterment of the projects we deliver for the people and communities of Australia."

Consult Australia looks forward to Rowenna's presidency and in 2022 celebrating its 70th Anniversary.

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NOTES TO EDITOR

1. About Consult Australia

Consult Australia is the industry association representing consulting businesses in design, advisory and engineering, an industry comprised of over 55,000 businesses across Australia. This includes some of Australia's top 500 companies and many small businesses (97%). Our members provide solutions for individual consumers through to major companies in the private sector and across all tiers of government. Our industry is a job creator for the Australian economy, directly employing 240,000 people. The services we provide unlock many more jobs across the construction industry and the broader community.

2. About Nicola Grayson

Nicola Grayson is the Chief Executive of Consult Australia. Nicola is responsible for implementing the organisation's strategy, building ongoing external relationships, and for leading Consult Australia's advocacy and government relations agenda on behalf of members.

Nicola is a government relations specialist, and has represented industry associations in the United Kingdom, the European Union, and Australia. Nicola has worked across a range of sectors including general insurance, consumer finance, alcohol, and education, in addition to consulting engineering. She has an Honours Degree in Law from the United Kingdom and was previously Consult Australia's Director of Policy and Government Relations.

3. About Rowenna Walker

Rowenna Walker is the Managing Director of NSW & ACT for Aurecon, a leading engineering, design, and advisory company named in 2020 Australasia's most innovative company and most innovative professional services company by the Australian Financial Review. Rowenna is responsible for the leadership and performance of the NSW & ACT business including health & safety, client engagement, staff engagement, project and financial performance and a member of Aurecon's Australia & New Zealand Executive Leadership Team.

Rowenna was named Businesswoman of the Year in 2019 by the National Association of Women in Construction (Australia) and received a Highly Commended award for Champions of Change, Female Leadership by Consult Australia in 2017.

Rowenna, a Chartered Civil Engineer, has over 20 years of international experience in the engineering industry across a diversity of geographies including Australia, New Zealand, the UK and Hong Kong. A Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Rowenna is a Director on the Board of Consult Australia, Vice President 2019-2021 and Chair of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee as well as previously holding other Board roles.

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4. For interview

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