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Policy Update

NT UPDATE

WHS Toolkit: The Consult Australia workplace health and safety Toolkit was launched on 25 October by federal Senator Matt Thistlethwaite.

The Toolkit is a great product that is available exclusively to Consult Australia members and is not for sale. To access the Toolkit [Click Here](#) This tool has been designed to provide general guidance for consultants to meet their safety in design obligations. Using this tool, consultants will be guided through a simple flowchart that outlines each step of the process, ensuring risks are discovered and evaluated, and actions are implemented to address those risks. Draft and template documents are provided to make those steps easier.

APCC/ Austroads submission: Consult Australia has made a [submission](#) in response to the APCC/ Austroads draft guide on building and construction procurement. The draft document covers a range of important issues relating to the delivery model, contracting principles and tendering principles. There are some aspects of the Guide that we have sought improvement to, but nevertheless the draft document is a very positive development.

NT Chair's Report

It only seemed like yesterday when I wrote the 2011 report as my first year as Chair of Consult Australia NT Division. 2012 has been a very interesting year for the Territory. First, we had the Final Investment Decision for the Ichthys Project by Inpex, then we had the final decision on the Marine Supply Base and in the third quarter we had a change in government.

There were changes within Consult Australia as well, where the constitution and by-laws were updated and voted in at the Extraordinary General meeting. One important change in my view was the eligibility of Government Departments and Contractors to join Consult Australia as affiliate non voting members, which allows them to interact with full members on issues of mutual and public interests.

Having said that, it was a pleasure to have the Department of Infrastructure (formerly the Department of Construction and Infrastructure) join the Northern Territory division as affiliate members, and currently actively involved in the working group





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meetings that we have periodically. Discussions on the review of standard conditions and procurement processes have, and will be continued to be discussed.

This year has also seen members meeting with various organisations at the member breakfasts, which are proving to be popular. Meetings have been held with:

- **Mark Sweet, Chief Executive and Gareth James, Executive Director - Business & Industry Development** of the Department of Business and Employment
- **Tegan Berg, Departmental Liaison Officer** for Construction and Infrastructure

And our upcoming breakfast on 12 December will see **The Hon Adam Giles MLA**, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Local Government as our guest. Further information and registration details for this breakfast can be found in this newsletter.

Consult Australia also held a Cocktail Industry Update - **Responding to Risk – Are you Ready??** in July. Ms. Romi Slaven, Senior Associate of Clayton Utz provided an overview of the new Safety in Design codes of practice under the model WHS Act and Mr. Jonathan Cartledge, Director of Policy, Consult Australia gave an update on Consult Australia's key concerns of risk allocation in contracts and the benefits of AS4122 in addressing these concerns. The attendance was impressive, with attendees from various sectors of the industry.

The NT Division has also been actively involved in the review of the Procurement Process within the whole of government, providing suggestions and solutions for the current issues. Consult Australia members attended two meetings with the Consulting reviewer and our input noted. A final report will be submitted in mid December 2012.

In closing, I believe Consult Australia NT Division has come a long way in the past 12 to 18 months and I look forward to further engagement with members and industry stakeholders alike.

Jaswant Deo
NT Chair

Events....

December Member Breakfast
Wednesday 12 December 2012
Crowne Plaza Darwin, Boardroom

This is strictly a member only event.

The NT Division invites you to join us for breakfast with **The Hon Adam Giles MLA, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Transport, Minister for Local Government** to discuss the vision of the new government in regards to infrastructure for NT - upcoming major projects, capability and capacity for project delivery in the NT and how Consult Australia can collaborate with the government and industry stakeholders to ensure a depth of resources within the industry in the near future and beyond, to better deliver successful outcomes.

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Industry News

IPWEA International Public Works Conference, Darwin 11-15 August 2013 While the deadline has officially closed consultants in the NT can still submit an abstract (100-300 words) for the **2013 Darwin International Public Works Conference**. The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) is bringing the premier event on the public works calendar to Darwin from 11-15 August 2013. Call Ross Moody on 0417 955 394 or email rmood@ipwea.org.au for more details or visit www.ipwea.org.au/Darwin2013. Share your knowledge and experience! Being held for the first time in the NT, the IPWEA International Public Works Conference provides a rare event for consultants to engage with key stakeholders in the public works industry from the NT and across Australia. The conference, exhibition and associated social events provide opportunities for learning, networking and building relationships.

Territory Government Agency Name Changes

If you currently do business with the Northern Territory Government, important agency changes have come into effect. For a full list of the new agency names, ABN numbers, postal addresses and billing addresses, please download the listing from www.nt.gov.au

For your invoice to be processed in a timely manner, please:

1. ensure the *correct new agency name* is referenced
2. include the business unit name and contact person name who made the order, and where applicable
3. include the purchase order or reference number.

Businesses should check the new agency listing to confirm invoice submission requirements at www.nt.gov.au

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