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Built Environment Consultants Welcome ACT Budget

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Representatives of Australia's largest professional association of consulting firms working in the built environment, Consult Australia, have welcomed the ACT Government's budget 2015 / 2016.

Consult Australia Chief Executive Megan Motto said: "There are clear long-term structural changes which need to take place in the ACT: a movement away from finite land / asset sales and dependence on the federal government, to one of growth through increased participation in a productive knowledge-based economy."

"This budget, whilst clearly having to address short-term issues like the Asbestos Eradication Scheme, manages to retain a sense of strategic direction."

"Emphasis on infrastructure as part of a longer term plan for growth; innovation to establish a knowledge economy; improving urban inward investment through a marketable and attractive brand, are all welcomed by our members."

"There is more that can be done: we feel we can collaborate with government more at a strategic level on Canberra's long term vision, and help with efficiency around procurement, so it is not just about how money is spent, but how best money is spent, and we look forward to doing this in the future."

Consult Australia members range from some of the world's largest companies combining local and federal work, to independent sole traders using their skills to make Canberra a better place. Members include engineers, architects, economists, planners, management consultants, surveyors and more, who work in the built environment.

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2. ABOUT CONSULT AUSTRALIA

Consult Australia is the leading not-for-profit association that represents consulting firms operating in the built and natural environment. We do this at a commercial, community, industry, and government level through collaboration, education, support and advocacy.

We represent an industry comprising roughly 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.

Our members employ more than 65,000 staff across Australia.
