

# Advocating for your business success

Access to an **exclusive network** of **influence** across **government**



Consult Australia is the voice of businesses in design, advisory and engineering. One of the ways we influence government policy is by actively participating in forums with governments around Australia.

We are involved in over 30 regular government forums around Australia. Some of these forums were initiated by Consult Australia, others are broader industry groups where Consult Australia has been invited as a vital stakeholder.

The forums listed below are in addition to our ongoing and sometimes ad hoc meetings with other government departments, agencies and ministers where we regularly invite member representatives to share their experience, knowledge and perspectives.

Please note that 'Exclusive' label denotes meetings where Consult Australia is the only voice for business in design, advisory and engineering and therefore access by such businesses will need to be as a representative of Consult Australia.

**ACT**

## **Built Environment Committee (BEC)**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This quarterly forum for industry and government to collaborate on built environment issues. The government is represented by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD).

The ACT Manager represents Consult Australia in this forum but can delegate to interested member representatives depending on the issue.

## **EPSDD & MPC & Consult Australia Quarterly Forum**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This quarterly forum is exclusive to Consult Australia members to raise with both EPSDD (as the central procurement agency) and Major Projects Canberra issues impacting the consulting industry.

Topics in 2023 included deep dives on the proposed engineering registration scheme, procurement reforms, digital thought leadership projects and government's new planning system, leadership changes and capital works budget.

The ACT Manager along with select ACT Committee members represent Consult Australia in this forum, but committee members can delegate to a colleague if approval by the ACT Manager.

## **Planning and Construction Industry Chief Executive Reference Group (PACICERG)**

**EXCLUSIVE**

PACICERG is a quarterly forum for government and industry to provide updates and share perspectives on issues impacting the planning and construction of ACT government projects. It covers a broad range of topics, including capacity, engineering registration and procurement.

Government representatives are from EPSDD including the Director-General of MPC and the Chief Engineer, Chief Planner, and Chief Architect.

The ACT Manager represents Consult Australia in this forum but can delegate to interested member representatives depending on the issue.

**Department of Customer Service PI Insurance Roundtable – Building and Construction Industry**

This quarterly roundtable is run by the Department of Customer Service and the Building Commission as it progresses its reform across industry. Consult Australia has been a key stakeholder to this forum since 2020 and continues to advocate separately and jointly with key partners for mutual policy positions.

The NSW Manager represents Consult Australia in this forum.

**Project Streamline Working Group with Transport with NSW**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This working group allows Consult Australia to provide industry views on the Streamline contracts developed by Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

The group has achieved improvements to the contracts due to our advocacy (such as removal of fitness from purpose obligation from Level 1 contracts for consultants).

The NSW Manager along with select NSW Committee members and representatives from the national Liability & Contracts Roundtable represent Consult Australia in this forum, but committee members can delegate to colleagues if approved by the NSW Manager.

**Transport for NSW & Consult Australia Quarterly Forum**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This quarterly forum is exclusive for Consult Australia members to raise with TfNSW issues impacting the consulting industry. Topics have previously included procurement practices and Project Streamline. In 2024, the forum will progress the collaborative relationship with TfNSW and we will discuss risk, procurement, productivity, capacity, innovation and delivery of TfNSW pipeline of projects.

The NSW Manager along with select NSW Committee members represent Consult Australia in this forum, but committee members can delegate to colleagues if approved by the NSW Manager.

**Transport collaboration, bi-annual forums**

**EXCLUSIVE**

These forums are held twice a year in conjunction with the Australian Constructors Association and the Civil Contractors Federation NSW. The all-in workshops target mutual topical issues. Recent working groups have included design reviews, 360 health checks and personnel requirements.

The NSW Manager along with select NSW Committee members represent Consult Australia in this forum, but committee members can delegate to colleagues if approved by the NSW Manager.

**Treasury & Consult Australia regular discussions**

**EXCLUSIVE**

Consult Australia has secured regular discussions with Treasury as it seeks to implement whole of government changes to procurement: commercial frameworks, fees, contract terms and operating models. Consult Australia has been successful on slowing progress to the introduction of capped rates for design consultancy services until the industry achieves market stability and with agreed stakeholder consultation with ourselves and other key stakeholders.

The NSW Manager along with select NSW Committee members represent Consult Australia in these discussions, but committee members can delegate to colleagues if approved by the NSW Manager.

**Department of Infrastructure  
Planning and Logistics  
Working Group**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This quarterly working group is exclusive for Consult Australia to meet with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) to discuss transparency of pipeline and provide perspectives on new guidelines, policies and frameworks. Topics have previously included design reviews and contract terms and conditions.

The NT Manager along with select NT Committee members represent Consult Australia in these discussions, but committee members can delegate to colleagues if approved by the NT Manager.

**Infrastructure NT and Invest  
NT**

**EXCLUSIVE**

Consult Australia has regular meetings with the Commissioner for Infrastructure NT and Commissioner for Investment in the NT. Topics include major projects and future work as well as the skills and resources to deliver those.

The NT Manager along with select NT Committee members represent Consult Australia in these discussions, but committee members can delegate to colleagues if approved by the NT Manager.

**Power & Water Corp &  
Consult Australia**

**EXCLUSIVE**

Consult Australia has regular meetings with Power & Water Corp to discuss further ways to improve the procurement and delivery of projects.

The NT Manager along with select NT Committee members represent Consult Australia in these discussions, but committee members can delegate to colleagues if approved by the NT Manager.

**Brisbane City Council  
Member Forum**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This quarterly forum is exclusive for Consult Australia members to share perspectives with council on issues impacting the planning, construction, and maintenance of projects in Brisbane local government area.

The Qld Manager along with select Qld Committee members represent Consult Australia, but committee members can delegate colleagues if approved by the Qld Manager.

**Building, Construction and  
Maintenance (BCM) Industry  
Reference Group**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This reference group meets three times a year, allowing the government's Building, Construction and Maintenance Category Council to seek industry advice, support and feedback on proposed initiatives. As the BCM Category Council oversees, governs and directs strategic procurement activities across the Queensland Government issues covered include market capacity, supplier diversity, benefit realisation, carbon impact and policy implementation.

The Qld Manager represents Consult Australia in this reference group.

**Department of State  
Development and  
Infrastructure – Infrastructure  
and Regional Strategy  
Member Forum**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This forum is held three times per year and is exclusive for Consult Australia members to meet with the Infrastructure and Regional Strategy Group, of Department of State Development and Infrastructure. Topics have included industry engagement, digital by default and infrastructure emissions.

The Qld Manager along with select Qld Committee members represent Consult Australia, but committee members can delegate colleagues if approved by the Qld Manager.

**General Goods and Services (GGS) Industry Reference Group**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This reference group meets twice a year allowing the General Goods and Services Category Council to seek industry advice and input on initiatives, category planning, pre-tendering and contract management phases.

The Qld Manager represents Consult Australia in this reference group.

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**Infrastructure Industry Steering Committee (IISC)**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This steering committee meets three times a year as a trusted, strategic industry advisory forum to the government, collaborating on and codesigning infrastructure industry reform initiatives and monitoring impacts and benefits. 2024 focus areas include driving productivity, programmatic approaches with market and digital enablement and innovation, infrastructure emissions and sustainability, capital pipeline and Olympic and Paralympic Games infrastructure.

The Qld Manager represents Consult Australia in this committee.

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**Procurement Ministerial Advisory Council**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This invitation only council provides industry thought leadership perspectives on the strategic positioning of the Queensland government's procurement direction to the Minister for Energy and Clean Economy Jobs.

Consult Australia's National Policy Manager sits on this council given their expertise in procurement.

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**Skilled Workforce Attraction Office (SWAO) Industry Roundtable**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This roundtable was established in 2024 under the Queensland Workforce Strategy by Migration Queensland and Trade and Investment Queensland. Focus and activities to be determined.

Consult Australia's National Policy Manager sits on this roundtable as skills advocacy are dealt with nationally.

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**Small Business Industry Roundtable**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This quarterly roundtable was formed by the Qld Small Business Council to engage with industry to obtain high-quality and high-value information to inform QSBC's advocacy and identify priorities for action.

The Qld Manager represents Consult Australia in this roundtable.

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**TMR Consultant Industry Liaison Group**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This quarterly forum is exclusive for Consult Australia members to raise issues impacting the consultant industry with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR). Past topics have included: the Christmas Tender Campaign and capacity in the market. Through the group we secured positive changes to TMR's IBCP contract conditions.

The Qld Manager along with select Qld Committee members represent Consult Australia in these discussions, but committee members can delegate to colleagues if approved by the Qld Manager.

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**Transport Advisory Board**

**EXCLUSIVE**

This board meets twice a year and is comprised of infrastructure industry representatives and senior decision makers from Qld Government whose purpose is to drive greater collaboration, foster a positive culture and jointly navigate the challenges and opportunities contributing to the sector's sustainability.

The Qld Manager represents Consult Australia in this group.

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### Department for Infrastructure and Transport's Commercial Construction Industry Forum (DCCIF)

**EXCLUSIVE**

This quarterly forum was established by SA's Department for Infrastructure and Transport with key private sector participants and stakeholders in the commercial construction industry to improve communication.

Operational and business issues in the commercial construction industry are discussed to improve efficiency and productivity to develop sustainable practices.

The SA Manager along with select SA Committee members represent Consult Australia, but committee members can delegate colleagues if approved by the SA Manager.

### DCCIF Consultant Working Group

**EXCLUSIVE**

This quarterly working group was established to work through specific issues on contracts, costs, and projects relevant to engineering, architecture and quantity surveying.

The SA Manager represents Consult Australia but can delegate to SA committee members if appropriate.

### Procurement Industry Advisory Group (IAG)

**EXCLUSIVE**

This quarterly forum was established by SA's Treasurer to improve the government's engagement with industry, to drive innovation and identifying ongoing opportunity to reduce complexity and costs of tendering for government work. Industry representatives include various industry associations.

The SA Manager represents Consult Australia in this group.

### Roads Consultative Industry Forum

**EXCLUSIVE**

This quarterly forum was established by the Department of State Growth to increase transparency with stakeholders involved in the procurement and construction of roads projects in Tasmania. Consult Australia is the only voice for consultants in this group.

The Tas Manager along with select Tas Committee members represent Consult Australia, but committee members can delegate colleagues if approved by the Tas Manager.

### Building and Construction Roundtable

**EXCLUSIVE**

This quarterly roundtable was established by the Tasmanian government to share insights with industry on issues impacting building projects. Industry representatives include associations and institutes relevant to building design and construction.

The Tas Manager along with select Tas Committee members represent Consult Australia, but committee members can delegate colleagues if approved by the Tas Manager.

### Infrastructure Tasmania working groups

**EXCLUSIVE**

In 2022 Infrastructure Tasmania established industry working groups to explore three key areas:

- Procurement and risk allocation
- Resilience & high performance
- Supply chain solutions

Members represent Consult Australia on all three working groups.

### Major Transport Infrastructure Authority

**EXCLUSIVE**

In this regular forum with the Major Transport Infrastructure Authority, members have exclusive access to talk on issues including pipeline and projects.

The Vic Manager along with select Vic Committee members represent Consult Australia, but committee members can delegate colleagues if approved by the Vic Manager.

### Office of Projects Victoria

**EXCLUSIVE**

Consult Australia meets regularly with Office of Projects Victoria. Key issues for discussion include procurement and contracts, productivity challenges and initiatives and digital.

The Vic Manager along with select Vic Committee members and representatives of the national Liability & Contracts Roundtable represent Consult Australia, but committee members can delegate colleagues if approved by the Vic Manager.

### Treasury & Finance

**EXCLUSIVE**

Consult Australia meets with the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance to discuss issues with contracts and liability and pre-qualification requirements.

The Vic Manager along with select Vic Committee members and representatives of the national Liability & Contracts Roundtable represent Consult Australia, but committee members can delegate colleagues if approved by the Vic Manager.

### Wellness in Infrastructure

Wellness in Infrastructure is aimed at identifying and delivering initiatives to tangibly and sustainably improve the mental health outcomes for employees within the infrastructure construction sector. Wellness in Infrastructure comprises dedicated volunteer members who hold senior management positions within private infrastructure construction companies, Victorian Government authorities and related industry associations.

The Vic Manager represents Consult Australia.

### WA Road and Rail Construction and Maintenance Industry Advisory Group (WARRCMIAG)

**EXCLUSIVE**

This quarterly forum was established by Main Roads WA and the Public Transport Authority to allow industry representatives to review and advise on developments in contracting and tendering, practices and performance in the industry, status and forward planning of services and projects as well as any other topic referred to the group by the Minister for Transport.

As part of WARRCMIAG Consult Australia also sits on the Transport Infrastructure Delivery Group and participates in the Delivery Methodology Workshops for all upcoming major projects.

The WA Manager along with select WA Committee members represent Consult Australia, but committee members can delegate colleagues if approved by the WA Manager.

**Urban Design Advisory Council (UDAC)**

**EXCLUSIVE**

The quarterly UDAC is facilitated by WA Water Corporation with industry representatives working within the urban construction and land development industry. UDAC provides advice on improving processes, performance indicators and how the industry could be better served by the Corporation.

As part of UDAC Consult Australia also plays a lead role in the Technical Subcommittee where project implementation issues are resolved in partnership with major contractors and government.

The WA Manager along with select WA Committee members represent Consult Australia, but committee members can delegate colleagues if approved by the WA Manager.

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**Infrastructure Sustainability Strategic Approach (IISA) Taskforce**

**EXCLUSIVE**

The Department of Transport WA established the ISSA for the civil construction industry to ensure the resilience, capacity and capability of WA's transport industry clients and supply chain to deliver the future WA transport infrastructure pipeline efficiently and sustainably.

The WA Manager represents Consult Australia.

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**IISA Working Groups**

**EXCLUSIVE**

To drive the success of ISSA, working groups have been established.

Select WA Committee members represent Consult Australia in the working groups.

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