

National Building and Construction Committee

Introduction

Addressing the Property Council of Australia on 8 May 1997, the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism, the Hon John Moore MP, foreshadowed his intention to establish a consultative forum to provide the Government with strategic advice on the development of the property and construction industries.

Describing the industry as "*one of the few industry sectors which can best be described as a key enabler of industry competitiveness*" the Minister said that, while the industry has achieved much over the past few years "*the opportunity exists to achieve so much more by applying a holistic and cooperative approach*" to the industry's development.

On 12 September 1997, the Minister announced the formation of the National Building and Construction Committee ("NatBACC") to provide advice to Government on all sectors of the construction industry.

Chaired by Mr Jim Service, Chairman of JG Service Pty Ltd, NatBACC includes representatives from the residential and non-residential building sectors, building materials manufacturers, design professionals, specialist contractors, construction companies, property owners and developers, and public works authorities.

"This forum will play a key role in the development of a long-term strategic plan for the construction industry and will bring a fresh approach to the relationship between the industry and the Government," the Minister said.

The Committee met for the first time on 15 Oct. 1997.

National Building & Construction Committee Charter

The National Building and Construction Committee will act as a high level forum to identify issues and develop responses relating to the ongoing development of the building and construction industry.

Through the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism the Committee will provide advice to the Commonwealth Government on appropriate strategies to further the development of the industry. This advice will cover, but not be limited to, issues such as :

- enhancing the industry's efficiency and competitiveness through ongoing micro-economic reform;
- increasing the adoption of best practice and innovation;
- the development of appropriate export strategies; and
- capturing opportunities associated with major infrastructure projects.

NatBACC will provide a forum for communication between the industry and the Government. It will also

provide a means of improving communication and co-ordination within the industry and capturing synergies through the exchange of ideas and information.

The Minister may seek advice from the Committee on specific policy matters and directions in the industry.

National Building & Construction Committee Membership

Chairman

Mr Jim Service AM, Executive Chairman
J G Service Pty Ltd

Ministers

The Hon. John Moore MP
Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism

The Hon. Andrew Thomson MP
Minister for Sport and Tourism

Members

Mr Ross Dunning, Chief Executive
Evans Deakin Industries

Mr John Murray, National Executive Director
Master Builders Australia (MBA)

Mr John Castles, Immediate Past President
Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA)

Mr John McCarthy, Dir. Property Funds Management
Deutsche Morgan Grenfell - representing Property Council of Australia (PCA)

Mr Wal King, President
Australian Constructors Association (ACA)

Mr Graham Anderson, National President
Housing Industry Association (HIA)

Mr Robert Peck, Chairman
Australia Construction Industry Forum (ACIF)

Mr Grahame Campbell, President
Association of Consulting Engineers Australia (ACEA)

Mr David Madson, Managing Director
Stowe Electric Pty Ltd - representing National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)

Mr Richard Simcock, Director
Haden Engineering - representing Air Conditioning & Mechanical Contractors Association of Australia (AMCA)

Ms Anne Howe, Chairman
Australian Procurement & Construction Council (APCC)

Mr Lionel Hanney, Executive Deputy Chairman
Simon Engineering (Australia) Pty Ltd - representing Metal Trades Industry Association (MTIA)