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What is the Building Industry Consultative Council?

The Building Industry Consultative Council (BICC) is an advisory group established by the Victorian Government in 2001, comprising employers, peak bodies, trade unions and the State Government. It is working to improve the performance and perception of Victoria's construction sector.

With an objective "to promote an environment that will stimulate building activity and jobs growth in Victoria", the Council is working collaboratively to foster harmonious working relations, encourage cultural change, facilitate investment and promote best practice in the Victorian building construction industry.

Current Council members are:

Mr Bob Merriman AM - Chair

Building Industry Consultative Council

Mr Tony Arnel - Commissioner

Building Commission

Mr Brian Boyd - Secretary

Victorian Trades Hall Council

Ms Carmel Coate - Executive Director

National Fire Industry Association

Ms Jennifer Cunich - Executive Director

Property Council of Australia

Mr David Eynon - Executive Director

Air Conditioning and Mechanical Contractors' Association of Victoria

Mr Randell Fuller - Human Resources Manager

Multiplex Constructions Pty Ltd

Mr Phillip Green - Chief Executive Officer

National Electrical and Communications Association Victorian Chapter

Mr Ray Herbert - Executive Director

Master Plumbers and Mechanical Services Association of Australia

Mr Martin Kingham - State Secretary

CFMEU – Construction and General Division

Mr Dean Mighell - State Secretary

CEPU – Electrical Division

Mr Bernie Nolan - Construction Manager

Baulderstone Hornibrook

Mr Earl Setches - State Secretary

CEPU – Plumbing Division

Mr Sean Sweeney - Director

Major Projects Victoria

Mr John van Camp - National Industrial Relations Manager

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Mr Tommy Watson - Assistant Secretary

CFMEU – Construction and General Division

Mr Brian Welch - Executive Director

Master Builders Association of Victoria

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Mr Brian Corney - Director Private Sector

Industrial Relations Victoria

Mr Geoff Thomas - Director

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The Council's broad membership makes it unique within the Victorian building industry and means it is well positioned to foster debate at a strategic level that assists in maintaining a strong sector that contributes to Victoria's prosperity.

The Council aims to:

- > Provide a high level forum for regular dialogue between the Government, employers and representative organisations and unions on significant economic and industrial relations issues in the building industry,
- > Through consultation on key issues, foster a harmonious working environment in the Victorian building industry,
- > Promote cultural change in the industry, through examination of initiatives to improve Victoria's construction productivity, reduce industrial disputes, enhance occupational health and safety, encourage skills development and enhance employment security,
- > Promote and encourage initiatives to facilitate investment into Victoria,
- > Encourage constructive dialogue about the effectiveness of industry structures to promote and achieve a best practice environment,
- > Advise the Victorian Government on relevant issues,
- > Provide a forum to co-ordinate and promote showcase projects that reflect industry best practice.

As well as continuing to promote the Building Industry Comparative Index as a source of credible and accurate information for investors and others in the construction sector, the Council is working on a range of projects to encourage flexible work practices, improve perceptions of the Victorian construction sector and promote construction as a career.

Key points

- > Victoria's construction industry is nationally competitive, innovative and united.
- > The Building Industry Consultative Council, an advisory group comprising employers, peak bodies, trade unions and the State Government, is working to improve the performance and perception of Victoria's construction sector.

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