

Queensland Productivity Commission Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members

The Australian Constructors Association (ACA) welcomes the Queensland Government's introduction of the Queensland Productivity Commission Bill 2024, to establish the Queensland Productivity Commission (the Commission) as an independent statutory body. As Queensland seeks to plan for its future and improve the living standards of Queenslanders, understanding the opportunities to improve productivity must be a priority. The re-establishment of the Commission, with the ability to conduct formal public inquiries, reviews and investigations into complex economic and social matters will contribute to this.


Australia is currently facing a productivity challenge, and this is particularly evident in the construction sector. Over the last 30 years the productivity of the Australian construction sector has declined, and it now sits at a level below that achieved in 1990. In a submission to ACA's 2024 Foundations and Frontiers conference, Oxford Economics estimated that the opportunity cost of this poor performance was \$62bn. The productivity opportunity in Queensland is likely to be greater than \$10bn, annually.

As infrastructure pipelines have grown the ability of the construction sector to deliver has declined. Poor productivity is the single most important issue facing the construction sector and the failure to address this will limit Australia's ability to realise its potential. The construction sector delivers the infrastructure that underpins and enables economic activity, continued poor construction productivity will limit the ability of the broader economy to grow.

As Queensland seeks to deliver its own infrastructure pipeline, including projects that are required to host the 2036 Olympics, it will need a productive, capable construction sector. ACA's report, [Nailing Construction Productivity](#), not only outlines the challenges that the construction sector faces it also identifies a range of solutions that are available, if we all work together.

Governments are in a strong position to lead the productivity transformation. We would welcome the opportunity to engage with the Commission to discuss the options available to unleash greater capacity across the construction sector and to reduce costs and timeframes for delivery without compromising on quality.

Yours sincerely


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