



CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING COUNCIL  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## 2011 TFA TRAINING PLAN INDUSTRY CONSULTATION

Over 75 people attended a CITC breakfast at the Ainslie Football Club on 21 July to discuss the 2011 TFA Training Plan.

Industry representatives were able to voice their ideas and requirements for each of the 5 main areas of the Plan including:

- Entry Level Training
- Existing Worker
- Promotion and Marketing
- Research & Development
- Access & Equity

A number of participants have provided the CITC with additional information for consideration for inclusion in the Training Plan.

A summary of the breakfast is currently being finalised and will be forwarded to participants shortly.

## 2010 CITC OUTSTANDING GRADUATING APPRENTICE AWARDS

This year's Outstanding Graduating Apprentice Awards are well progressed and everything looks positive for another outstanding ceremony.

It is anticipated that over 400 guests will attend this year and we are looking forward to celebrating and recognising the achievements of our men and women Apprentices and Trainees.

## WORK SAFE ACT INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUP

Mr Mark McCabe, ACT WorkCover Commissioner convened the first Work Safe Industry Advisory Committee meeting on 26 July. The Committee's major objective is to share intelligence and information on OH&S and to collectively promote a safe work environment.

Members comprise representatives from the CFMEU, CEPU, HIA, MBA and the CITC. All agreed to look at a number of strategies to enhance OH&S across all sectors of the building and construction industry.

## FORUM ON BUILDING QUALITY IN ACT

The Minister for Planning, Mr Andrew Barr held a Building Quality Forum on 26 July with a wide range of industry stakeholders.

The Minister made a commitment to continue the process of engagement and reform through the establishment of a number of working groups.

The Minister has asked the ACT Planning and Land Authority to coordinate the establishment and on going support for these working groups. These working groups should be convened to cover the general areas covered by the forum.

The following areas cover the main discussion points at the Forum; the sub headings are guidance only and are not intended to cover all issues under each of the headings:

### 1. Insurance provisions

- extend insurance cover to purchasers
- establish building defects fund
- insurance for unit complexes higher than three storeys

### 2. Promotion of owners' rights

- appointment of certifiers and accountability of certifier to owner
- establish database to determine the extent of the building defects issues
- complaints mechanism – who to complain to; recourse action; regulatory role

### 3. Increasing industry skills and competence

- water proofing
- structural work
- finishing trades
- safety aspects

### 4. Effective supervision

- builders
- site supervisors
- building certifiers

## WATERPROOFING

The CITC is currently working with POLYSEAL and the ACT RTO's to develop a comprehensive waterproofing program for installers. We will keep you posted on progress as this program is developed.

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