

CEO COMMENTS

CCFNT TV Advert

Our TV ad has now been running for just on 2 months and we have received great feedback from many sources. This first production is targeted to lift awareness across the broader community of the activities that the civil construction sector performs that assist in delivering economic development across multiple industry sectors. Our key message, "Civil Construction is building the future of the Territory". Please click on the link to view our first production on [YouTube](#).

Warren Snowdon Meeting

Recently Ian Hinchliffe (CCFNT President), Sam Sage (Vice President), Mike Cull (CCF National Board Member) and I met with the member for Lingiari, Warren Snowdon to discuss critical investment in infrastructure across the Northern Territory, continuity and size of works packages and the Federal Indigenous Procurement Policy.

There was agreement on many items and Warren has suggested a couple of ways that CCFNT can gain further traction on some of our key issues via submissions to select standing committees.



CCFNT Election Platform

We now know that the Michael Gunner led Labor party has been returned to govern the Northern Territory for the next four years. We are looking forward to working with the government to ensure that adequate investment is made to infrastructure networks throughout the Territory. Prior to the election we published an election platform that we presented to Territory Labor, the CLP and Territory Alliance. Please see the below response from Minister Lawler to our election platform document leading up to the election.

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Thank you for your correspondence regarding the upcoming Northern Territory general election and request for increased investment in civil infrastructure and support for the industry.

As you are aware, our Government has delivered an infrastructure program of more than \$5 billion over the past four years; creating crucial local jobs, and providing social and economic benefits to the Territory.

Increased investment in civil infrastructure and continuity of work packages

Territory Labor is committed to investing in civil infrastructure to improve connectivity between our remote and regional communities, and increase economic opportunities across a range of industries, including agriculture, mining and tourism.

A re-elected Labor Government will continue to invest strongly in civil infrastructure, creating local jobs and opening up economic opportunities across the Territory. There is a roads program of more than \$600 million being rolled out across the Territory.

The Territory Labor Government developed a 10-year Infrastructure Plan that identifies a pipeline of projects required in the short, medium and longer terms right across the Territory. This enables long-term planning and prioritisation of infrastructure projects. However, as infrastructure priorities can change in response to changing demands from the community, new technologies and changes to growth and essential sectors, the plan is reviewed each year in consultation with government agencies and industry stakeholders.

Our Labor Government has advocated strongly for the development of Northern Australia, and we will continue to work closely with the Australian Government to invest additional funding into our roads network, to bring funding forward to assist with economic recovery and job creation.

We have successfully advocated for a \$53 million roads package to assist with delivering shovel-ready projects as part of economic recovery and continue to hold discussions with the Australian Government to progress more roads infrastructure.

To improve coordination of infrastructure activities across the Territory, our Government has centrally located government infrastructure resources with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics. This also enables greater ability for government to be adaptable and responsive to infrastructure needs.

Changes to procurement processes

Our Government understands the frustrations of industry with the procurement process and has made changes by implementing the Buy Local Plan and establishing a Buy Local Advocate. We are looking at ways to reduce regulatory and administrative burden across Government to make it easier to do business in the Territory, and have been consulting with industries to improve the transparency, fairness and efficiency of procurement through clearer policy and guidelines, including the recognition of local content. Finalising this work will be a priority of a re-elected Labor Government.

The Territory Labor Government established the Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission as a 'team of champions' to help the Northern Territory emerge from the coronavirus crisis as Australia's comeback capital. The Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission has released its First Report, setting out immediate priorities to capitalise on the Territory's competitive advantages, attract more private investment and create more local jobs.

Central to the Commissions' First Report is the objective of making the Territory the easiest place in Australia to do business. The Commission's First Report contains 15 immediate recommendations to help attract and secure investment, make it easier to do business and back locals. The Government has accepted all 15 recommendations and will start action on them immediately - noting several of the initiatives are well underway.

Internal skills and resources

The Territory Government is working to increase the capacity and capability of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, in particular to support the delivery of infrastructure projects across the Territory. Engaging and working with industry will be a key feature of ensuring we can deliver high-quality infrastructure projects and continue to support economic growth and jobs for Territorians.

The Northern Territory Labor Government will also implement the Customer Focused Framework, and invest in professional development to support a customer focused public service.

Recognition of Indigenous employment

Territory Labor recognises the important work of the civil construction industry in delivering employment opportunities for Aboriginal people in the Territory. We understand the challenges of attracting the right people into the industry and retaining them. However, we want to ensure Aboriginal people are well represented and supported in the industry, from apprentices to leaders. To do this requires governments and Industry working together.

Territory Labor value the important contribution of the Civil Contractors Federation NT, and would welcome the opportunity to continue working with you and the industry on these important matters.

Subdivision Development Guidelines

CCFNT has been involved in the guideline development and we are pleased that a live version of the document is now available.

The Subdivision Development Guidelines (SDG) are now operational and accessible through the online platform at [online platform](#).

The SDG has been prepared by the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics (DIPL) following wide engagement with developers, local government councils, asset owners, design consultants, contractors, service authorities and NT Government agencies. The SDG has been prepared in response to industry concerns expressed as to the standard of services required for infrastructure. At a time when we are seeking to fast track economic activity these guidelines are intended to provide transparency and certainty as to infrastructure requirements.

The Guidelines provide information on the subdivision development process and the minimum standards required by local governments, NT government service authorities and the Power and Water Corporation (PWC) in granting clearance of the conditions imposed on a subdivision by the Northern Territory Development Consent Authority (DCA).

The online platform is a living document system and the Guidelines will require review at least annually to accommodate changes in design standards and construction methods and respond to evolving industry and local government needs.

An SDG Management Committee will provide the necessary oversight for any reviews, comprising of an independent Chair and representatives of key stakeholders including the LGANT (representing local government councils), PWC, Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development, DIPL and a private sector member (representing the Urban Development Institute of Australia NT, Civil Contractors Federation NT and Property Council of Australia (NT)

Indigenous Employment Provisional Sum

CCFNT have been assisting members in regard to their contractual and legal obligations relating to questions from the IEPS Audit and Investigation unit within DIPL. If you have been contacted by members of the IEPS Audit and Investigation unit and would like to have a discussion about potential options, please give me a call.

Vehicle Registration Requirements

Last year CCFNT on behalf of our members sought legal advice to challenge directives by Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics staff in regard to registration requirements on road construction sites. The legal advice on the matter and the outcome of that advice was that the law did not require registration of plant on road construction sites under certain conditions. DIPL agreed with the following points.

Registration Requirements

The following examples will assist in the interpretation of registration requirements:

Site fully enclosed by temporary fencing

The area is no longer considered a public street or public place and vehicles are not required to be registered within the construction site, provided construction equipment is transported to site on trailers and unloaded or loaded totally within the fenced area.

Vehicle Registration Requirements (cont...)

Urban area where lane closures are in place and closures are delineated by cones, bollards or safety bunting

Signage is in place clearly indicating that the area is a construction site and is no longer considered a public street or public place. Appropriate monitoring and management of any pedestrian access is undertaken. Vehicles are not required to be registered within the area defined in the traffic management plan and traffic guidance schemes (point of closure, location of traffic controllers or temporary traffic signals) but does not include the lead in signage. Construction equipment is transported to site on trailers and must be unloaded or loaded totally within the area.

Rural area where temporary detour is provided around the construction site

The area is clearly signed to show that the road is no longer open to the public and is not considered a public street or public place. Vehicles are not required to be registered within the construction site, provided construction equipment is transported to site on trailers and unloaded or loaded totally within the area as defined by Road Closed signs.

It is essential that a member of the public should be left in no doubt permission is required to enter a public street under construction. There are a number of measures that will help to mitigate risks to both the Department and the Contractor. These include making specific provision in the traffic management plans and traffic guidance schemes about the steps and effectiveness of the steps a contractor intends to take to ensure the public street under construction is closed to the public.

Please make sure that you adhere to the points above and ensure that any unregistered construction plant or equipment is loaded and unloaded within the closed construction site and does not interact with any open sections of road during its road construction activities.

CCFNT AGM

On Thursday the 27th of August we held our Annual General Meeting at the Darwin Sailing Club. Sam Sage the Vice President of CCFNT chaired the meeting and the audited financials were presented by Pat Coleman the CCFNT Treasurer. Matthew Hull from "Mates in Construction" provided an overview of the services that "Mates" provides and how CCFNT and our members can be better connected with the "Mates" network. Thank you to those members who attended the event. Some of the attendees pictured below, post AGM.



Overview of NT Government Procurement

As a member of the CAL board I was recently invited to a session hosted by staff from the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation, so that we could better understand the key principles underpinning procurement processes within the NTG. **I'm still struggling with how "Value for Territory" is assessed.**



Inclement Weather

In some recent tenders, DIPL has inserted the following as an amendment to the Conditions of Contract.

Response Schedule – Timeliness

We draw your attention to clause 3.13, Amendments to Conditions of Contract, which inserted an additional clause 54.4A in the Request for Tender which provides (in part):

- "a) The Contractor:
 - (i) acknowledges that the Works will be affected by Inclement Weather; and
 - (ii) warrants that it has taken into account the Inclement Weather Allowance in planning the Works and preparing the Construction Programme.
- b) Notwithstanding clause 54.4, the Contractor is not entitled to any extension of time to the date for Practical Completion for delay caused by Inclement Weather, until the aggregate of such delays exceeds the Inclement Weather Allowance applicable, and even then, the Contractor may only claim an extension of time for Inclement Weather delays in respect of any one calendar month to the extent over and above the applicable Inclement Weather Allowance for that calendar month."

Please provide the following clarifications:

1. Confirm the contractor has made appropriate Inclement Weather Allowance for clause 54.4A and has included this allowance in their submitted construction program.
2. Please provide actual number of days per month for each calendar month during construction.

Inclement Weather (cont...)

A number of contractors contacted me about this additional clause and we sought legal advice on behalf of the industry. Some key points from our legal opinion:

- The drafting of clause 54.4A is dangerously deficient.
- The definition says "the *reasonably expected or anticipated* seasonal weather patterns, effects or events." Expected or anticipated by whom? Who is the arbiter for what is reasonable?
- So, the definition as it is drafted is a complete mess, quite incapable of proper interpretation and therefore of application to the contract. It effectively renders clause 54.4A a nullity because the whole clause is centered on this concept of Inclement Weather Allowance which cannot be properly identified because of the manifestly deficient definition.
- There is a serious and quite unacceptable defect in clause 54.4A which the department will need to rectify promptly.
- It would seem that all parties would be better off if clause 54.4A was scrapped. It might have seemed like a good idea at the time, but in its present form it is incoherent and unworkable, and it may be beyond repair.

We have asked the NTG to remove clause 54.4A. If you would like to view the full legal opinion, please contact me.

If you have any issues that you would like assistance with please give me a call.

Cheers,

Tom Harris

CEO

NTG Civil Tenders Awarded August 2020

Project	Company	Project Value
Darwin Region - Urban Area - Remove and Replace Asphalt Wearing Surface at Various Locations	Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd	\$2,739,336.31
Katherine Region - Robinson Road, Borroloola - Rocky Creek Bridge Construction	Advance Civil Engineering Pty Ltd	\$4,707,867.67
Darwin Region - Melville Island - Upgrade and Seal Paru Road between CH 0.40km and CH 4.45km	Tiwi Partners (Aust) Pty Ltd	\$5,226,338.65
Darwin Region - Litchfield Municipality - Upgrade and Seal Various Mango Roads	Aldebaran Contracting Pty Ltd	\$11,516,421.43
Darwin Region - Illawarra Road - Drainage Upgrade CH1.15 to CH1.475	Kigilia Pty Ltd	\$368,897.81
Darwin Region - Mermaid Circuit - Upgrade from Unsealed to Sealed CH0.00 to 0.800km and Lepanto Street CH0.00 to 0.340km	Kigilia Pty Ltd	\$700,459.85
Darwin Region - McMillans and Mueller Road Intersection - Upgrade	N & M Klidas Nominees Pty Ltd	\$546,736.71
Darwin - Dorat Road - Upgrade 10x Culverts from CH43.66km to CH51.6km	Territory Construction Services Pty Ltd	\$373,945.00

NTG Civil Services Procurement Plan

The Civil Services Procurement Plan for August 2020 is now available via DIPL's intranet service. Please click on the link below to view the plan. Please note some tender dates may be impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.

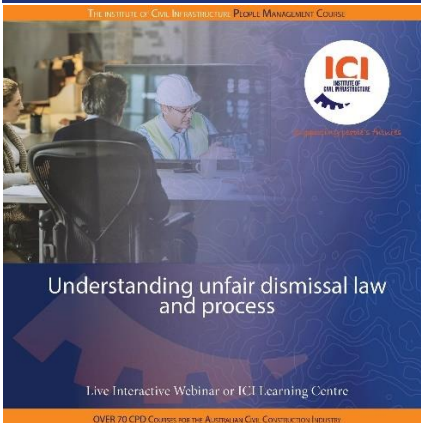
<https://dipl.nt.gov.au/industry/future-procurement/procurement-plan-civil-services>



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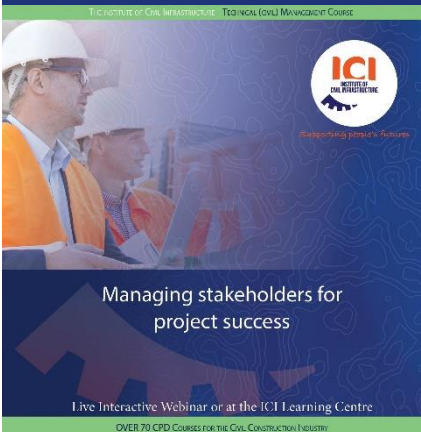
CIM Member Price - \$249 incl GST

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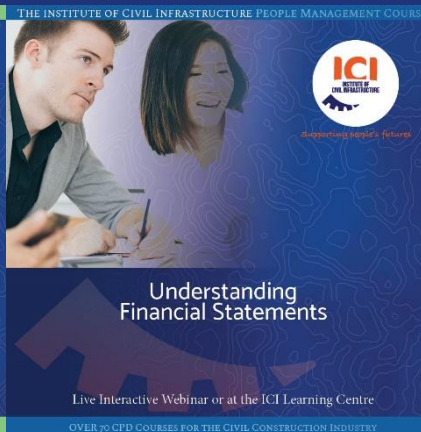
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Managing stakeholders for project success

Date: 7 September 2020

Time: 1.00pm-5.00pm

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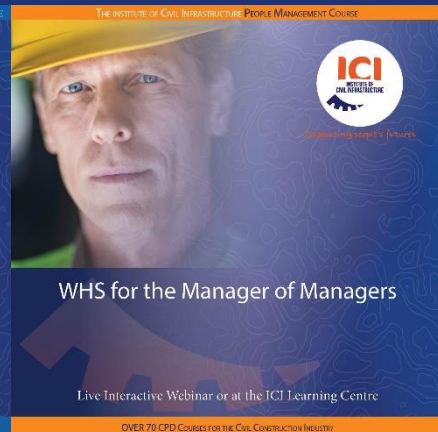
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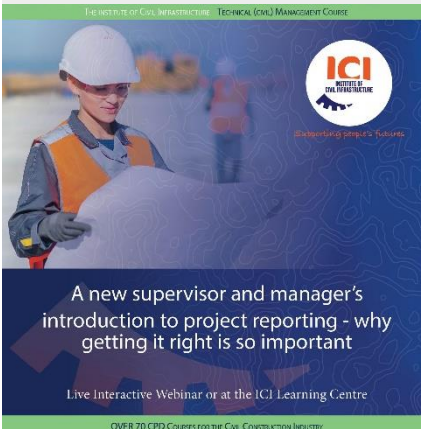
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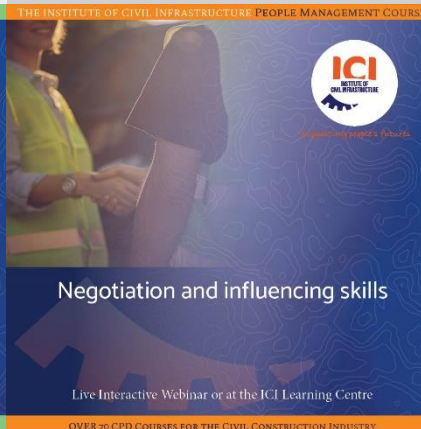
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A new supervisor and manager's introduction to project reporting

Date: 10 September 2020

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Negotiation and influencing skills

Date: 15 September 2020

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Contracts for new supervisors/managers: The Key issues

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Contracts for new supervisors/managers

Date: 16 September 2020

Time: 12.30pm-4.30pm

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<p>OVER 70 CPD COURSES FOR THE CIVIL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY</p> <p>Leadership in a crisis</p> <p>Date: 17 September 2020 Time: 9.00am-1.00pm</p> <p>Book Now</p>	<p>OVER 70 CPD COURSES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY</p> <p>Understanding unfair dismissal law and process</p> <p>Date: 21 September 2020 Time: 2.00pm-4.00pm</p> <p>Book Now</p>	<p>OVER 70 CPD COURSES FOR THE CIVIL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY</p> <p>Project Cost (1) - Estimation and Control</p> <p>Date: 23 September 2020 Time: 1.00pm-5.00pm</p> <p>Book Now</p>
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<p>OVER 70 CPD COURSES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY</p> <p>Ensuring Security of Payment Act works</p> <p>Date: 24 September 2020 Time: 1.00pm-5.00pm</p> <p>Book Now</p>	<p>OVER 70 CPD COURSES FOR THE CIVIL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY</p> <p>Performance Management for the new people manager</p> <p>Date: 28 September 2020 Time: 9.00am-1.00pm</p> <p>Book Now</p>	

Workzone Traffic Controller (WZ2) Course in Northern Territory *Fully Funded*



Civil Contractors Federation is pleased to present this opportunity to upskill your existing workers or train new entrants to the industry in Workzone Traffic Controller (WZ2). This training will be provided at no charge.

Course Summary: RIIWHS205D - Control traffic with stop-slow bat

This unit develops the participant's skills and knowledge required to control traffic with stop-slow bat in the Resources and Infrastructure Industries. Suitable for students in operational roles, training will address Licensing, legislative, regulatory and certification requirements that apply to this unit in the Northern Territory.

Eligibility

Students must have a current valid NT Construction Induction White Card, or equivalent qualification recognised by NT WorkSafe. (CPCCWHS1001 - Prepare to work safely in the construction industry)

Students must hold a valid current Australian motor vehicle driver's licence.

*Preference will be given to students who do not have access to funding from other sources

Proposed Delivery Schedule

Available Places

Course 1:	Monday 14 September 2020	9
Course 2:	Monday 28 September 2020	9
Course 3:	Monday 5 October 2020	9
Course 4:	Monday 19 October 2020	9

Location: Darwin

Students will be required to attend from 7.20am for 7.30am start with conclusion of training by 5:00pm.

Attendance requirements

- Current Australian motor vehicle driver's licence
- Current NT Construction Induction White Card, or equivalent qualification recognised by NT WorkSafe
- Comfortable, clean clothes
- Reading glasses (if applicable)
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as issued by PCBU/Employer compliant with AS (High Risk Work - Code of Practice for Construction Work)
- Fully enclosed non slip footwear - steel/plastic cap boots
- High visibility reflective clothing-garment vest/shirt long sleeve, trousers
- Broad brim hat
- Protective glasses
- Raincoat (inclement weather only)
- Gloves
- Sunscreen - broad spectrum SPF 30 or higher
- Water Bottle

Important Information:

Training and assessment may be subject to change due to the following:

- COVID-19 (Covid Safe Measures Apply)
- Harmonisation of workzone traffic management implemented by Road Authority in NT throughout the training period

Training coordinated by Civil Train and delivered by ETAS RTO 50590

To register your interest, please call Alyssa Rusby on 1300 223 753

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DATE

Friday 9th October 2020

VENUE

Waterfront Rooms Level 2
Darwin Convention Centre

TIME

6.30pm Drinks & Canapes on arrival
7.00pm Dinner and Awards commence

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9 OCT FRIDAY	6.30 PM	Earth Awards incorporating the CCFNT Trainee and Apprentice Awards Darwin Convention Centre
TBA OCT -	TBA	Information Session Darwin
27 NOV FRIDAY	12.30 PM	CCFNT President's Christmas Lunch Rydges Palmerston

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