

In its current form, the construction industry is not able to deliver the infrastructure and projects that are needed, when they are needed - let alone at a price that can be afforded.

The gap between the available workforce and the workforce needed is growing whilst productivity is stagnating, and costs are increasing. This is a matter of **national importance** that requires a coordinated national response.



## Event overview



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Australia's inaugural construction forum, Foundations and Frontiers 2024, will be held on **8 August at Doltone House in Sydney.**

This is not your typical industry gathering. Modelled on the COP summit and the World Economic Forum, **Foundations and Frontiers aims to be the first truly tripartite annual forum for senior industry leaders.**

It will bring together representatives from across the industry, unions and both state and federal governments while still being truly interactive, with all attendees having the opportunity to contribute and be heard.

Proudly presented by the Australian Constructors Association (ACA) with support from KPMG, this event promises to be an **inclusive and dynamic experience.**



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## Event format

This one-day forum will comprise both open and exclusive discussions on four key themes:

- **What does good look like and how do we achieve it?**
- **Skills and culture of the future workforce**
- **Financial sustainability**
- **Data-rich future.**

The plenary sessions will commence with keynote addresses in the style of **TED talks** that inform discussions by either explaining the issue or providing examples from other jurisdictions/industries about how the issue can be resolved.

Each TED talk will be followed by a **facilitated discussion** involving industry leaders who will either **answer questions on the stage or pose questions**, similar to the format of the ABC's Q&A program.

## Innovative engagement

To take engagement to the next level, the event app will ensure real-time interaction, allowing attendees to **pose questions, participate in real-time polls, and engage in interactive chats** displayed on prominent screens throughout the venue.

Concurrent to the plenary sessions, industry leaders will be invited to attend smaller discussions on the key themes in breakout rooms. These discussions will be facilitated, and the outcomes distilled into outputs that can be used to inform future work and initiatives.

## An event like no other

**This one-of-a-kind event will bring together senior leaders from across the industry, unions, and government, all while providing a truly interactive experience for all attendees.**

This event is all about **tangible outcomes, and working closely with key government and industry stakeholders, attendees will be able to hear about new initiatives and updates on progress with current programs.** It's going to be an electrifying space where ideas will be transformed into action and progress will be demonstrated, not just discussed.

But the real highlight of the forum lies in the **commitment to change.** Leaders will be invited to sign a high-level summit communique, emphasising their dedication to making a difference. This document will be largely drafted in advance of the forum, ensuring necessary approvals can be obtained and the focus remains on achieving real, tangible results.



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## Attendees

Approximately **100 senior executive leaders** from a diverse cross section of industry, including state/federal government, suppliers, unions, industry associations, financiers and private asset owners, will be invited. ACA member companies will also be well-represented along with stakeholders from the wider industry. We anticipate a total attendance of approximately **750 – 1000 people**.

## Why attend?

This is the opportunity to be involved in something **truly groundbreaking, something that has the potential to fundamentally transform how the construction industry operates for the benefit of taxpayers, asset owners, industry and, most importantly, those that work in it.**

Join us at this one-of-a-kind gathering, where all the major stakeholders come together to discuss and debate the key issues facing the industry. It's not just another scripted event to talk at people from a stage. Instead, this is a unique opportunity to **engage in open and informed conversations, share success stories, launch new, tangible initiatives and demonstrate commitment to positive change by signing the event communique.**



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