

Western Australian Building and Construction Consultative Committee (BCC Committee)

Key Outcomes of Meeting

1 September 2026

- BCC Committee members received a presentation from Mr Phil Payne, Deputy Director General Building, Energy Safety and Service Delivery at the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) on regulatory policy development, trade licensing frameworks and current registration reform initiatives. Members discussed licensing additional trades and agreed on the importance of an evidence-based, risk-based approach to any future licensing reforms.
- Members received a presentation from Ms Natasha Platts, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, on the National Construction Industry Forum (NCIF), the draft Joint Construction Industry Charter and proposed Commonwealth construction standards. Members noted the alignment between Commonwealth and Western Australian reform initiatives and supported ongoing engagement with the NCIF consultation process.
- BCC Committee members noted the outcomes of the BCCC study tour to Victoria and Canberra undertaken by the Chair and Deputy Director General Labour Relations LGIRS, including opportunities arising from the Victorian Building Industry Consultative Council model, the ACT Culture Standard, workforce reform initiatives and interstate approaches to trade licensing and gender equity.
- Members supported progression of implementation planning for the WA Building and Construction Industry Voluntary Code of Conduct, including establishment of an inter-agency process to identify pilot projects and develop project selection and evaluation criteria.
- The establishment of a Licensing Unlicensed Trades Subcommittee (LUTS) was endorsed along with the draft Terms of Reference to develop a discussion paper examining the benefits, risks, workforce impacts, implementation considerations and resource implications associated with licensing additional construction trades.
- Members noted the recent launch of the Gender Equality Report by UnionsWA and welcomed ongoing engagement on opportunities to improve workforce participation and diversity across the construction industry
- The next BCC Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1 December 2026.