

ALL SECTORS HAVE A PART TO PLAY IN BUILDING AUSTRALIA'S RESILIENCE

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Industry, academia, the community and all spheres of government have an important part to play in increasing the resilience of Australia's built environment.

An increase in general temperatures, due to climate change, has been predicted for Australia, with an ensuing upsurge in extreme weather events. Right now we are seeing the impact of Australia's high vulnerability to extreme weather events such as bushfires, drought, storms and floods. The continuing prosperity of the nation is dependent on our resilience to these events.

The Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council's (ASBEC) Built Environment Adaptation Framework outlines the ways that federal, state, territory and local governments, industry, academia and the community sector can deliver effective resilience and adaptation strategies.

ASBEC calls for cross-sector engagement through the establishment of a National Built Environment Adaptation Council, research into the true costs and benefits of climate change adaptation and increased funding for adaptation projects.

"The built environment is at significant risk from the impacts of climate change and related extreme weather events," said Kirsty Kelly, Chair of ASBEC's Resilience Strategy Task Group. "Resilience of the built environment is crucial to the productivity of the country. We must make adaptation policy priority."

Yesterday, the NSW Government launched [Adapt NSW](#). "We congratulate the NSW Government for their leadership position in setting a strong foundation for informed decision making through Adapt NSW," said Kirsty Kelly.

ASBEC calls for a review and reform of existing regulation to remove barriers to climate change adaptation and an integration of climate change considerations into strategic planning and planning policy measures to provide certainty for industry and the community.

"The estimated overall replacement cost for Australia's built environment is in excess of \$5.4 trillion with significant economic, social and environmental risks," said Kirsty Kelly. "Managing risk in the built environment is absolutely crucial and ASBEC's Built Environment Adaptation Framework provides a plan of action for all sectors".

About ASBEC

The Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council (ASBEC) is a collective of leading industry organisations committed to a sustainable built environment in Australia. ASBEC's membership consists of a range of key industry government and academic organisations who are involved in the planning, design, delivery and operation of our built environment and who are concerned with the economic, social and environmental performance of the sector.

ASBEC's activities, including research and policy development on built environment issues, are an example of a collaborative, co-ordinated approach undertaken across all segments of the built environment. ASBEC works actively to develop and promote leading practice in the design, planning and operation of our cities, at a buildings, precincts and citywide scale.

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