



**CIVIL
CONTRACTORS
FEDERATION**
Queensland Branch



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To whom it may concern,

Civil Contractors Federation Queensland Branch represents more than 250 companies in Queensland involved in land development, main roads, water and sewerage and general earthmoving projects, together with the hire, sale and suppliers of associated equipment and services.

In terms of membership, employees and equipment, the Federation is the major industry body representing the civil construction sector. Civil Construction represents almost a \$3 billion industry, the majority of which includes roads, bridges, subdivisions and infrastructure projects.

One of the most important issues for all members was, is and will be timely payments for contract works performed. In the past it was dependant on negotiating skills, lengthy and costly legal actions and very often, the loss for contractors.

Since the *Building and Construction Industry Payments Act 2004 (BCIPA)* has been enacted the landscape has significantly changed enabling the contractors to more readily pursue their claims and get paid for works performed.

Immediately after BCIPA enactment CCF Queensland Branch organised and delivered a series of workshops and seminars throughout Queensland. These have been presented by Alternative Dispute Resolution Services (ADRS). Our aim was to provide the best professional presentation of the Act and that was delivered by ADRS.

The Federation has, as well, assisted members in numerous cases with Payment Claims and Adjudication Applications seeking payment under BCIPA. To provide the best service available to our members, the Federation has drawn extensively on the expertise of ADRS to provide that assistance either directly to the member or the Federation in the form of advice or guidance.

ADRS has directly assisted a number of CCF members and we are very pleased that all Payment Claims and Adjudication Applications prepared by ADRS were largely successful. Similar success has been achieved with ADRS prepared Payment Schedules and Adjudication Responses. ADRS's focus has proven to be the achievement of permanent resolution of our member's issues. All matters to which ADRS has provided its input have settled without the necessity for litigation in any form.

We are confident that in recommending ADRS to all our members we are providing the members with the best service and advice. In our opinion, based on the experience of the past few years, ADRS is the most professional organisation with expertise in contract matters and is second to none.

ADRS offers a broad range of professional expertise which extends from engineering and quantity surveying to business and law, all ADRS consultants are qualified adjudicators under the BCIPA. Therefore we recommend ADRS to all CCF members and any other contractor as the best option in dealing with any contract or contract payment dispute.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zoran Kaurin', is written over a large, stylized flourish.

Zoran Kaurin
Director Member Services
CCF Queensland Branch

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris White', is written in a cursive style.

Chris White
CEO
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