Main Research Streams in Construction Informatics in Australia

- Building Information Modelling (BIM)/ Green BIM
- Internet of Everything
- Big Data

Mandated BIM – The trend has begun



- BEIIC (Built Environment Industry Innovation Council) established Digital Modelling Working Group:
 - -BIM was identified as key priority area
 - -BIM will transform business processes, and is more than enhanced visualisation and automatic scheduling. BIM will improve decision-making at each stage of the construction and operation process.
 - Report "Productivity in the Building Network : Assessing the impacts of BIM".

BIM in Australia

- Governments of the United Kingdom, Singapore, United States of America, Norway, France, Denmark and Finland are driving the use of BIM through government procurement and facility management processes.
- Australian construction sector cannot afford fragmented approach to BIM.
- In order for Australian construction sector for internationalization requires Australian firms to adopt BIM as a new competitive advantage.

Report: "Productivity in the built environment: Assessing the impacts of BIM"

The first survey report about BIM in Australia

Report: "Productivity in the built environment: Assessing the impacts of BIM"

- Buildings network is a vital and significant part of the economy
- Accounts for around 12% of Australia's total production (equivalent to around \$355 billion)
- Accounts for around 10-13% of total employment
- Lower productivity growth, compared with the aggregate productivity in Australia



Source: Allen Consulting Group analysis based on Productivity Commission 2010.

The Allen Consulting Group

- 18%-75% of firms use BIM (across different user groups)
- On average, BIM is used in 36% (engineers) to 59% (architects) of projects
- Most respondents said the costs of BIM are balanced by its benefits
- While loss of productivity during the learning period is cited as a key cost, 72% of respondents said they became productive in using BIM within 2 years

Benefits of change: national impacts

 Widespread BIM adoption would boost national output (GDP), community wellbeing (consumption) and expand the productive capacity of the economy (investment)

Absolute deviations from BAU	In 2025	NPV (2011-2025)
GDP (\$, M)	\$1,005	\$4,794
Private consumption (\$, M)	\$377	\$1,446
Investment (\$, M)	\$497	\$3,022
Employment (jobs)	366 jobs	N/A

Benefits of change: industry impacts

Production

increases across

all industries

Biggest gains

the business

services and

construction

sectors

concentrated in



Industry output, 2025

- Gains to the economy (GDP impacts)
- BIM (long term): 0.05% p.a.
- Reform of the energy sector: 0.05%p.a.
- Ports infrastructure reforms: 0.02% p.a.
- Steam technology (UK): 0.38% p.a.
- Average labour productivity growth in Australia (last 3 decades): 1.50% p.a.

"Productivity in the Building Network: Assessing the impacts of BIM Report" Key findings:

- There is a compelling economic case for encouraging greater use of BIM in Australia -widespread adoption would make a significant difference to national economic performance, thus BIM has macroeconomic significance.
- BIM requires new ways of collaborating and interacting in what is historically a very fragmented sector –Integrated Project Delivery.
- There are a number of market failures affecting the uptake of BIM, including split incentives and commercial constraints of IP ownership, security of data and multi-user access.

"Productivity in the Building Network : Assessing the impacts of BIM Report" -Recommendations

- Develop new contractual frameworks that encourage collaboration when using BIM.
- Develop a national strategy for BIM implementation including plans, targets and guidelines.
- Encourage the development of national standards for BIM.
- Encourage the creation and maintenance of intelligent object libraries that comply with national BIM standards.
- Reduce BIM related skills gaps in the current and future Buildings Network workforce.

BEIIC Recommendations Report 2010

- Outlines ten recommendations across four themes, Better Practice; Cooperative Research, Design Leadership, Enabling Regulation and Procurement.
- Recommendation 2: Encourage industry-wide use of BIM and support pilot projects that demonstrate the benefits of applying new technologies.
- Recommendation 10: Consider BIM as a key part of the Government procurement process.

- Productivity in the Buildings Network: Assessing the Impacts of Building Information Models Report;
- BEIIC 2010 Recommendations Report;
- Report URL: <u>www.innovation.gov.au/beiic</u>

Existing BIM Initiatives in Australia

- NATSPEC has first draft of National BIM Guidelines incorporating the Project BIM Briefand the BIM Reference Schedule. -Air-conditioning and Mechanical Contractors Association BIM MEP AUS program of work for mechanical, electrical and plumbing services sector.
- Australian Procurement and Construction Council and Australian Construction Industry Forum are developing Guidelines for Integrated Project Teams, and developing policies for the involvement of contractors in the design phase.
- Building Smart which is proposing the establishment of a National Technology Implementation Program to implement building information model technology and improved information networks in the construction sector.
- Queensland Dept of Public Works is piloting integrated project delivery with early engagement of specialist trade and services contractors in the

National BIM guidelines and case studies for infrastructure





- Main roads
- Highways
- Bridges
- Tunnels
- Railways





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Internet of Everything (IoE)



Big Data

Big Data becomes a key basis of competition, underpinning new waves of productivity growth and innovation



Sources: McKinsey Global Institute, Twitter, Cisco, Gartner, EMC, SAS, IBM, MEPTEC, GAS

IBM.



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