PSG#1 - P2.11.5 Sustainable Procurement for Modern Methods of Construction

Date: Wednesday 6th May 2026

Time: 12.00pm – 1.30pm AWST

Attendance:

- Davina Rooney (Green Building Council) - Meeting Chair
- Yingbin Feng (Western Syndey University – Project Lead
- Will Hackney (SBEnrc)
- Keith Hampson (SBEnrc)
- Lindsay Kyle (SBEnrc)
- Karim Yngstrom (ATLAS Precast)
- Aaron Dove (WA Dept of Housing and Works)
- Cathy Inglis (Think Brick)
- Jack Gill (Think Brick)
- Greg Lawrence (WA Dept of Housing and Works)
- Duncan Brand (Burbank)
- Peter Nelson (QLD Dept of Housing and Public Works)
- Peter Vanderaa (QLD Treasury)
- Peta Baker (Homes NSW)
- Tiendung Le (RMIT)
- Mohamed Abdullah (Transport for NSW)
- Linda van Achterbergh (Main Roads Western Australia)

Actions

1. **Conference Participation and Promotion:** Coordinate with Yingbin Feng and Karim Yngstrom to prepare an industry partner presentation for the World Sustainable Built Environment Conference session on June 11, highlighting the importance and contributions of the research project. (Yingbin Feng)
2. **Project References and Literature Sharing:** Share relevant project reports, references, or current work on modern methods of construction in the chat or with the research team to support the literature review and project development. (All PSG Members)
3. **Identification of Additional Project Partners:** Recommend and approach potential new project partners who could invest in or contribute to the project (Yingbin Feng)
4. **Dissemination Opportunities Planning:** Inform Yingbin Feng and Will Hackney of any internal or external forums, conferences, or industry events where project findings could be presented or discussed, to facilitate early planning for dissemination activities. (All PSG Members)

Key Comments

Project Steering Group Terms of Reference and Governance: Will Hackney and Davina Rooney outlined the governance structure and terms of reference for the Project Steering Group, emphasising quarterly meetings, industry chair leadership, and the alignment of research progress with industry outcomes and payment milestones, with input from core partners and PSG members.

Project Overview, Aims, and Objectives: Yingbin Feng presented a comprehensive overview of the new project, detailing its aims, objectives, and the industry challenges it seeks to address, with support from SBEnrc, core partners and PSG members.

Case Studies Design and Approach: Yingbin Feng detailed the three proposed case studies, each targeting a different sector and perspective - public infrastructure, public housing, and supplier confidence with lead partners including Transport for NSW, Queensland Treasury, and Atlas, and participation from various government and industry stakeholders.

1. **Public Infrastructure Case Study:** The first case study focuses on sustainable procurement for scaling MMC in public infrastructure delivery, with Transport for NSW as the lead partner and participation from Main Roads WA and Queensland Department of Transport and Roads, examining procurement strategies, tender documentation, evaluation criteria, and contract mechanisms.
2. **Public Housing Case Study:** The second case study targets public housing and building programs, led by Queensland Treasury and Department of Housing and Public Works, with partners from WA and Queensland, aiming to analyse procurement structures that support MMC delivery at scale across multiple sites.
3. **Supplier Perspective Case Study:** The third case study adopts a supplier perspective, led by Atlas, to investigate how procurement certainty and structural incentives influence supplier investment decisions, workforce transformation, and broader market conditions, including private developer requirements and risk perceptions.

Collaboration, Communication, and Implementation Planning: Will Hackney, Yingbin Feng, and Davina Rooney led discussions on strategies for collaboration, communication, and implementation, including the use of a communications planning matrix, industry events, and opportunities for partner engagement, with input from Keith Hampson and Karim Yngstrom regarding upcoming conferences and dissemination channels.

Future Work Plans, Deliverables, and Partner Engagement: Will Hackney and Yingbin Feng outlined the project governance timeline, deliverables, and future work plans, including quarterly PSG meetings, progress reports, and opportunities for new partner engagement, with Davina encouraging participants to share relevant project references and literature.

Initial Reflections on Wesfarmers Built Living Joint Venture: Davina Rooney and Karim Yngstrom led discussions on the recent launch of Built Living, a joint venture with Wesfarmers, highlighting government support, factory automation plans, and its relevance to addressing the housing crisis, with potential for an early case study in the program.