City Deals are an economic policy revolution. Forged as a strategy to lift the United Kingdom from its post GFC malaise, City Deals represent a new frontier in the pursuit of economic and productivity growth. They are urban and economic policy merged as one, with cities at the centre.

The City Deals approach casts aside the thinking that leads to cookie cutter economic development strategies. They are bespoke agreements between a group of councils and the UK Government about how they will collectively grow a city as an economic zone.

Their unflinching focus on growth means that City Deals have been a catalyst for transforming how governments plan, build, fund and finance city building infrastructure in the UK.

So could this approach be replicated in Australia to not only turbo-charge our economy but also revolutionise our approach to urban policy? This session will explore the UK model and discuss its applicability in the Australian context.
11.30am
DIRECT ACTION – OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDUSTRY
Hosted by Romilly Madew, CEO Green Building Council of Australia

SPEAKERS:
The Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for the Environment

Professor John Thwaites
Chair of Climate Works Australia and Monash Sustainability Institute

Tanya Cox
GBCA Board Director

The Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for the Environment, will discuss the Emissions Reduction Fund and how it will provide incentives for industry to reduce carbon emissions. John Thwaites, Chair of ClimateWorks Australia and the Monash Sustainability Institute, and Tanya Cox, former Executive General Manager, Property Services & Chief Operating Officer, Dexus and GBCA Board Director, will join Romilly Madew, Chief Executive, Green Building Council of Australia, for a panel discussion examining the potential for carbon abatement in the built environment and the opportunities for industry to access this scheme.

12.20pm
SPEAKER:
The Hon Jamie Briggs
Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development

12.45pm
LUNCH

1.30pm
KEYNOTE
Tim Fischer

2.15pm
FUNDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUTURE
Hosted by Megan Motto, CEO Consult Australia

SPEAKERS:
Garry Bowditch
Chief Executive Officer SMART Infrastructure Facility

Dr Warren Mundy
Commissioner of the Productivity Commission

Infrastructure has entered the policy mainstream in recent years with issues arising from the project pipeline, funding and delivery now a regular feature in mass media. It is no coincidence that in parallel, our infrastructure Prime Minister has declared unprecedented ownership of this agenda as a critical lever to increase productivity. These twin drivers present a fresh opportunity to advance more progressive evidence-based policy supporting infrastructure governance, funding, cost benefit analysis, procurement and delivery. The Productivity Commission Inquiry into Public Infrastructure is a key step towards this goal, and in its Draft Report has made significant headway towards real reform and smarter policies delivering real value for money outcomes for the tax payer. We must now seize the opportunity to move from policy discussion to policy implementation. Join the Hon. Jamie Briggs, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and our panel of experts to consider how

3.00pm
AFTERNOON TEA

3.30pm
BUILDING – NEXT REVOLUTION
Hosted by David Parken, CEO Australian Institute of Architects

SPEAKERS:
Rene Van Meeuwen
Professor at The University of Western Australia

Michael Rayner
Cox Architects

The latest use of technology and building innovation will be explored through two case studies. Rene van Meeuwen, architecture academic and founder and director of felix, will showcase cutting edge 3D augmented reality technology that features in the Australian exhibition at the 2014 Venice Architecture Biennale. The Augmented Australia app featured in the Biennale allows users to interact with a suite of virtual material of unbuilt work and create 3D printed models. In 2013 Cox Rayner won an international competition to design the National Maritime Museum of China. Director, Michael Rayner will outline the innovative design and sustainability features of this project which was awarded the World Architecture Festival 2013 – Future Project of the Year.

These exciting new developments are a key to the future innovation and growth of our industry.

4.15pm
WRAP UP

4.45pm
EVENT CONCLUDES