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How Front-end Lawyers Can Stop Worrying about Building Information Modelling (BIM) and Learn to Love It! – *Paula Gerber and Joseph Xuereb*

Record infrastructure investment is underway to support the national COVID-19 recovery. However, the Australian construction industry has a history of poor productivity, an over-emphasis on a project-to-project and contract-by-contract mentality, inappropriate allocation and management of risk, information asymmetry and sporadic uptake of best practice. Building information modelling (BIM) can help to address many of these issues and is increasing in popularity. However, there is still no Australian standard form construction contract or Protocol that incorporates BIM or addresses potential legal issues that flow from its use. This article investigates global best practices in relation to contractual provisions incorporating BIM and concludes with recommendations designed to place the Australian legal profession in a position to better facilitate the uptake of BIM in Australia. 156

Public-Private Partnerships 2.0 – Towards Greater Collaboration – *Owen Hayford*

The Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model has been used with significant success over a long period in Australia. But recently the use of PPPs has been declining, both in Australia and internationally. This article explores the reasons for the declining use, and makes some suggestions on what can be done to ensure governments continue to effectively harness private capital to deliver public infrastructure. 181

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