

## Innovation and risk project to be launched

The Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering at the University of Sydney will launch its Professional Performance Innovation and Risk Project (PPIR) later this month.

The PPIR Project has been undertaken by a team of engineers, backed by participating sponsors representative of a wide range of stakeholders from industry and the profession under the auspices of the Warren Centre.

It has included a series of workshops and consultations with more than 200 practising professional engineers in all disciplines.

The project has explored and considered:

- the generic role of the professional

engineer and in particular the performance, innovation and risk management aspects of that role

- community and client expectations of the engineering professional
- the contemporary commercial and professional realities impacting on the work of the engineering professional
- the effects of the complex minefields of law and liability that govern everyday engineering
- engineering risk and responsible risk-taking
- the relationships between professional performance, innovation and risk.

The report on the project recommends

an entirely new approach to recognising and defining how professional engineers should be expected to interact with, and respond to, their clients, their professional peers and the community.

The new approach also recognises and defines how clients, professional peers and the community can gain best advantage of the professional engineer's skills, knowledge and experience.

The approach reinforces the role and importance of the engineering profession's existing ethical and competency standards, but adds performance as the essential third dimension in defining engineering professionalism.



## Mutual recognition agreement with Hong Kong

The presidents of Engineers Australia and the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers signed a mutual recognition agreement in Sydney on 28 September.

"The agreement will streamline the recognition of engineering qualifications between Australia and Hong Kong and therefore boost opportunities for greater mobility by Australian and Hong Kong qualified engineers to provide engineering services in each

country," said Engineers Australia chief executive Peter Taylor. The agreement will cover a broad range of engineering practice. At the signing were (l-r) Hong Kong Institution secretary Monica Yuen, Hong Kong Institution president Dr Andrew Chan, Engineers Australia president Peter Godfrey and Peter Taylor.

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