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CCAA HOSTS LEADING INTERNATIONAL EXPERT ON DECARBONISING CONSTRUCTION

Decarbonisation of the global economy is a major challenge that has been grasped by cement and concrete industries around the world as it plans for a net zero future, and making real progress is reliant on deep and ongoing collaboration across the construction supply chain.

In line with the importance of collaboration, this week CCAA hosted a hybrid event in Brisbane on the Decarbonisation of Construction - Pathways for Cement & Concrete, bringing together invited industry representatives and experts, including Dr. Andrew Minson, Concrete and Sustainable Construction Director, Global Cement and Concrete Association (GCCA).

CCAA was delighted to host Dr Minson in Australia, given his role in leading GCCA's work on promoting the sustainability value of concrete in the future of construction and improving the understanding of concrete's lifecycle and its role in the circular economy.

During the event, Dr Minson spoke on the international decarbonisation efforts of the cement and concrete industry, as outlined in GCCA's *2050 Cement and Concrete Industry Roadmap for Net Zero Concrete*, setting out the positive vision for how the cement and concrete industry will play a major role in building the sustainable world of tomorrow.

The audience also heard from local keynote speakers, Davina Rooney from the Green Building Council of Australia, Margie Thomson from the Cement Industry Federation - who spoke to the Australian Decarbonisation Pathways Report¹ - and Megan Lohrisch from Lendlease. The seminar then wrapped up with a panel session to further explore the commitment of the Australian industry to decarbonise within the broader objectives of the construction sector, and to discuss the challenges and opportunities this commitment brings.

CCAA CEO Ken Slattery says the association was delighted to have the opportunity to host Dr Minson in Australia given his expertise and international experience, where both co-operation and knowledge will become critical to achieving our own goals here in Australia.

"This is a global challenge that will require global experience and solutions."

"We continue to work closely with all members of the construction value chain to deliver our ambition of delivering society carbon neutral concrete by 2050 and it was great to be able to host a seminar that brought together influential and informed stakeholders and allowed for the opportunity to tap into their collective knowledge," he says.

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¹ [Decarbonisation Pathways for the Australian Cement and Concrete Sector](#) report. An independent 2021 report by consultants VDZ, which identified eight decarbonisation pathways and key future research requirements to deliver net zero carbon cement and concrete by 2050.