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Building Leaders Brief Industry 2020 – Specifying for  
keeps

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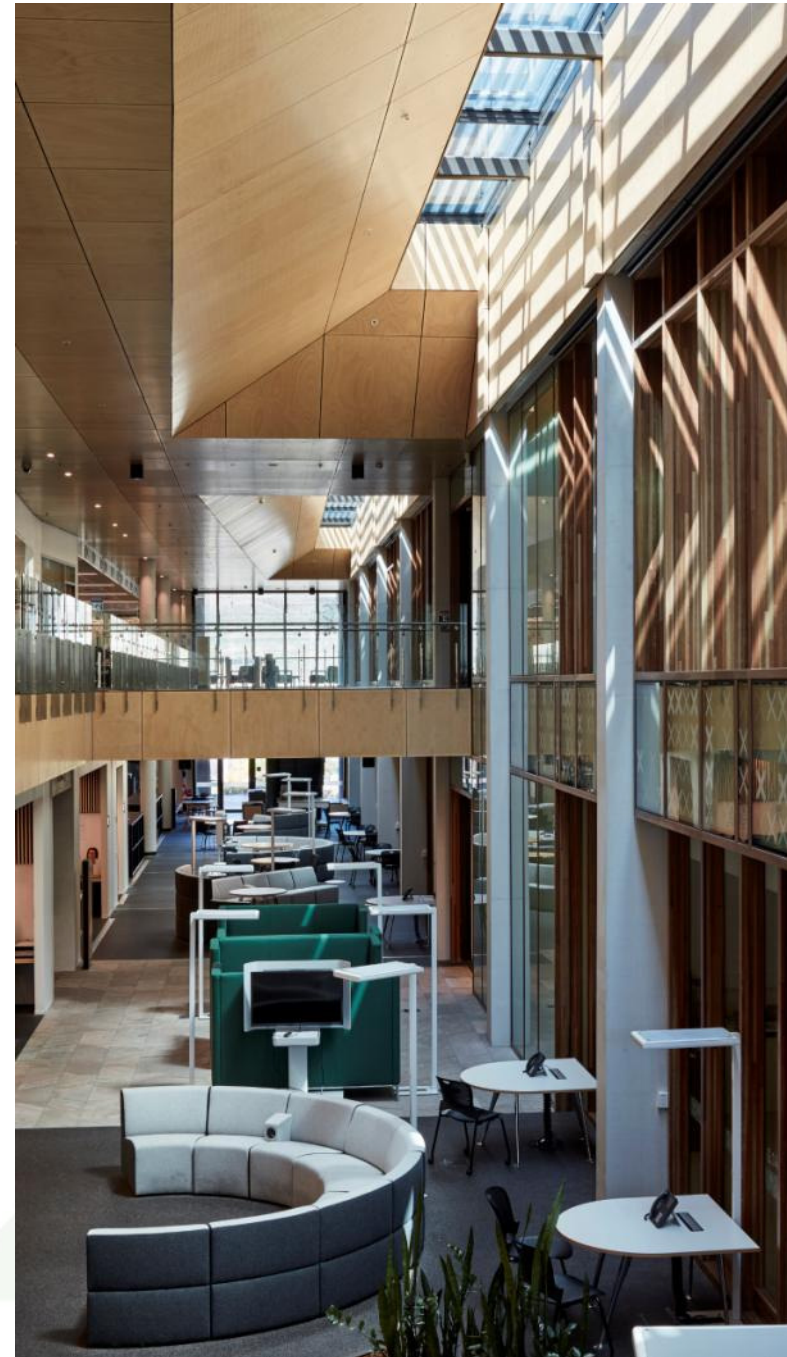


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## day's presentation

- Safe, sustainable and enduring buildings
- Quality design
- Compliant products
- Barriers to good specification
- Quality construction
- Role of industry and professional associations
- Regulation and enforcement

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fe, sustainable and  
during buildings need

- Quality design
- Compliant products
- Good specification and procurement excellence
- Quality construction
- Industry and professional bodies to help drive change
- Accountability and responsibility for all





## Quality design involves...

- Early involvement of architects, urban designers, landscape designers and attentive clients to ensure a well-conceived brief
- Quality construction to see it realised
- Fair and effective procurement methods for sustainable business practices and strong industry standards
- Integration within physical and cultural contexts as well as appropriate infrastructure and services
- Processes and practices that protect design integrity (review panels)

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# Compliant products

Architects to specify products that are fit for purpose

Testing regimes for products must be robust

Manufacturers and suppliers must supply accurate product documentation

Chain of accountability legislation is essential – everyone in the supply chain needs to be accountable

Insurers must be comfortable with systems and processes

Product substitution - not always a bad thing, but needs strong disincentives to prevent non-compliant products being used



## Barriers to good specification

- Fair procurement methods that allow early, and ongoing, collaboration between the design team and the building contractor
- Fair pay for fair work
- Realistic time frames for delivery of services
- Allocation of risk proportionate to compensation and control or influence





## Quality construction needs ...

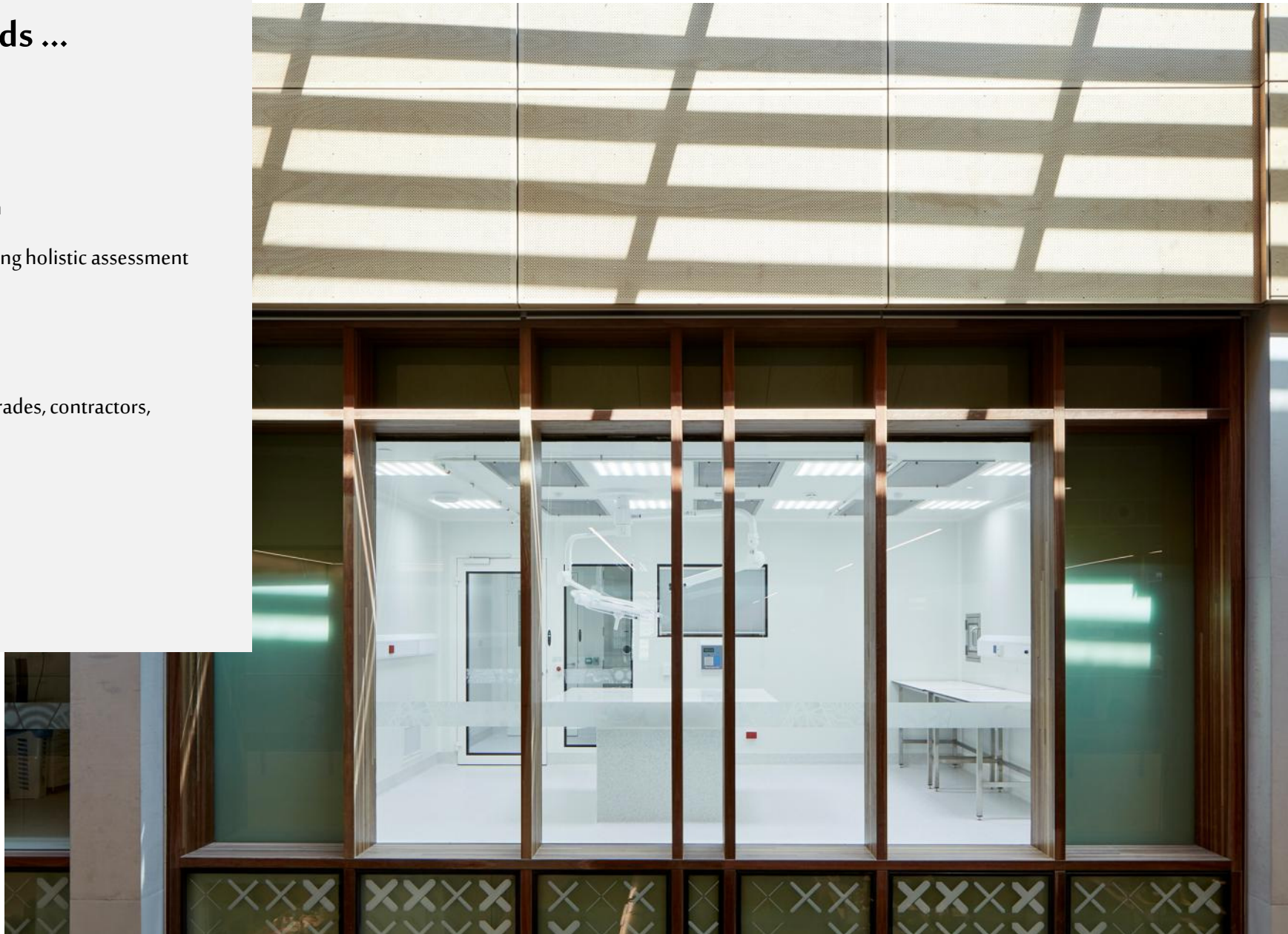
Complete and good quality documentation

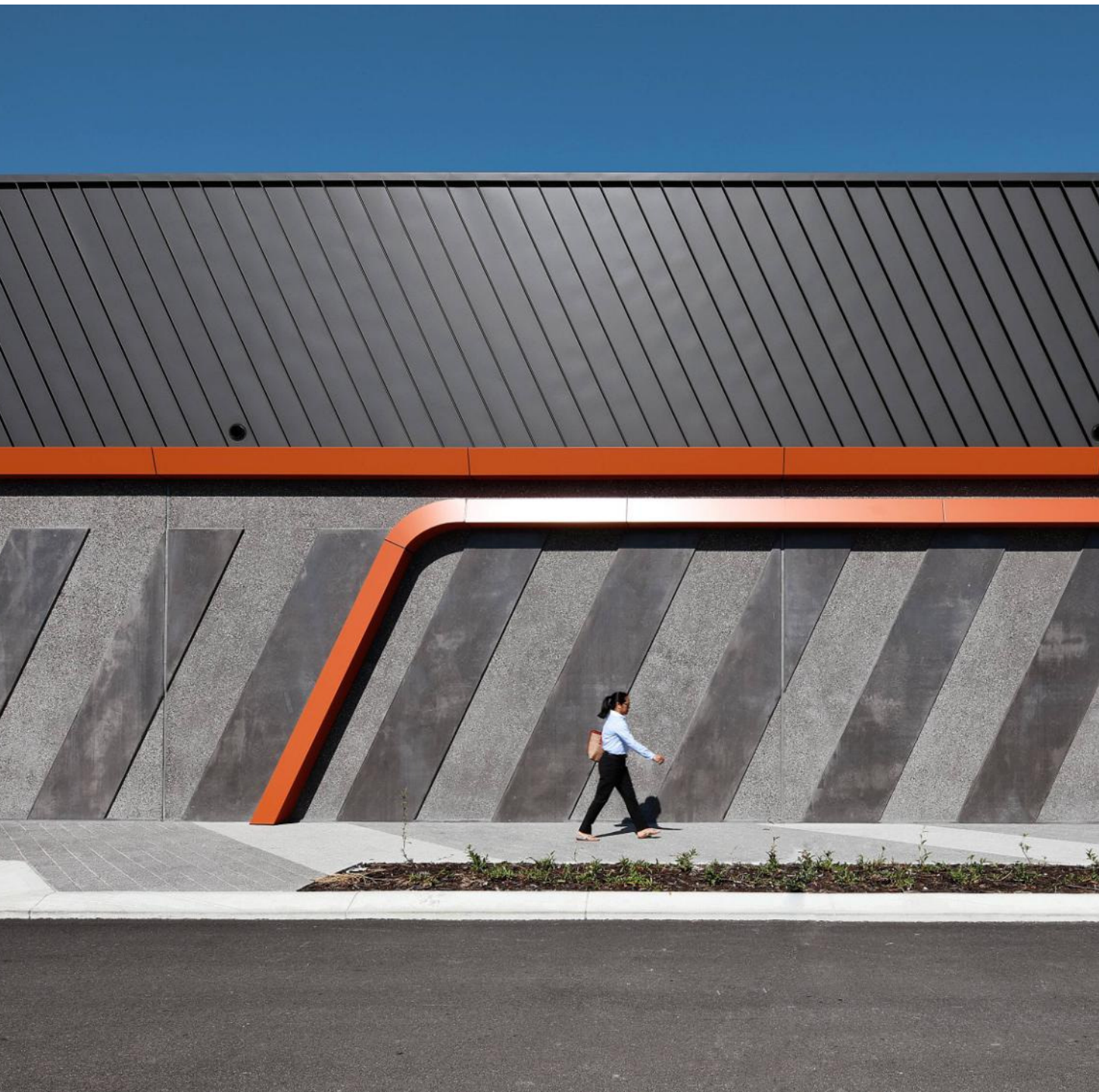
Continuity of project knowledge and ongoing holistic assessment  
of variations

Skilled and regulated industry participants

Accountability for all parties, consultants, trades, contractors,  
project managers, certifiers

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## **Role of industry and associations; professional**

- Advisory and practice notes on regulatory changes (ACU and safety alerts)
- Continuing professional development on procurement, specification, cladding issues
- Collaborate on codes of practice for procurement (novative instance), fair contracting terms
- Advocate and communicate



# regulation & enforcement

- we have
  - A crisis driven by development and construction practice (ie: mascot, Randwick, Canberra Units)
- our solutions include:
  - A National Building Code underpinned by Australian Standards
  - State and territory regulation and self regulation
- we need better consumer protection
  - Regulation of supply chain responsibility, phoenixing and more
  - accountability for all design and building practitioners
  - Much higher level of enforcement
  - National consistency





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# Thank you

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