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New research reveals faster drying methods for road construction

Monash engineers have published new findings on a faster, more reliable way to dry road-base materials.

The work could help reduce construction delays caused by weather and site conditions. The team, led by Professor Jayantha Kodikara from the Monash Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, tested a hybrid drying approach combining microwave energy with hot airflow to dry compacted unbound granular materials, widely used to form the base layers of roads.

“This work has real potential to reduce costly delays on construction sites. It shows we can take much of the guesswork out of drying road base materials. By combining microwave energy with controlled hot airflow, we’re able to dry the surface layer more quickly and consistently than relying on sunshine alone,” Professor Kodikara said.

The team also applied machine-learning models to predict drying outcomes based on factors such as temperature, airflow speed, airflow angle and time. These models showed strong accuracy, demonstrating how data-driven tools could help contractors better plan construction schedules.

In laboratory trials, the method proved more effective at drying the surface of these materials than microwaves alone, offering a quicker alternative to traditional solar drying.

“By integrating machine learning into the process, we can start to predict drying performance under different site conditions. That means contractors could better plan their schedules and respond to changing weather,” Professor Kodikara said. While drying deeper layers remains a challenge, the findings provide a promising proof of concept for faster, more reliable road construction. ■

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NSW overhauls building approval rules

New South Wales is set for its most significant shake-up of building regulation in years, with the State Government introducing the Building (Approvals and Practitioners) Bill 2026 to parliament last May. The proposed legislation represents a sweeping consolidation of the existing regulatory framework, targeting weaknesses that have emerged in the industry since the Design and Building Practitioners Act 2020 came into force.

The Bill aims to address longstanding concerns about how certifiers operate, tightening conflict-of-interest provisions that critics have argued were not robust enough under the previous regime. Equally significant are the proposed changes to penalties. Where the current framework caps court-imposed

penalties at \$33,000, the new legislation would lift that ceiling to \$1.1 million — a more than thirtyfold increase that signals a harder line from government on non-compliance.

For construction professionals and building certifiers operating in NSW, the changes will require a careful review of existing practices. The tighter conflict-of-interest provisions in particular are expected to affect how certifiers are engaged on projects, potentially reshaping relationships between developers, builders and the approvals process. ■

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Queensland streamlines path for critical minerals projects

Queensland has made itself a more attractive destination for critical minerals investment, with the state government introducing the State Development and Public Works Organisation (Critical Minerals) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2026. The legislation creates a dedicated fast-track pathway for strategically significant projects, backed by stronger coordination of the enabling infrastructure those projects require.

Under the new framework, projects assessed as being of the highest strategic importance will be eligible for designation as State Strategic Projects. That designation brings access to streamlined regulatory approvals and improved planning and delivery mechanisms for the roads, power, water and port

infrastructure that major mining developments depend on. The changes are not limited to critical minerals; other projects considered strategically important to the state will also be able to seek the same status.

The reforms have drawn positive responses from industry groups. The Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC) noted that critical minerals development extends well beyond the mine gate, and that stronger coordination across government agencies has long been needed to improve project timelines and reduce the duplication of approvals processes that has frustrated proponents.

Find out more at amec.org.au/ 

South Australia lowers high-risk construction work threshold

South Australian construction workers and employers have been put on notice ahead of a significant change to work health and safety regulations, with amendments to the definition of high-risk construction work set to take effect from 1 July 2026. The key change is a reduction in the fall height threshold that triggers high-risk classification. Under the current SA regulations, construction work is classified as high-risk when it involves the risk of a person falling more than


three metres. From 1 July, that threshold drops to more than two metres—bringing SA into alignment with the national model law that has already been adopted by every other Australian state and territory.

The change follows a review by a dedicated High-Risk Construction Work Subcommittee convened by SafeWork SA. That subcommittee included representatives from construction and residential housing industry groups, unions representing building workers,


the Australian Institute of Health and Safety and the Voice of Industrial Death. After reviewing both the national policy framework and South Australian injury data, the subcommittee unanimously recommended adopting the two-metre definition. The reform is part of a broader national trend toward tighter safety standards in the construction sector. With the deadline now imminent, SafeWork SA is expected to ramp up compliance communications to ensure industry is prepared before the new rules come into force. 

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Fast forward

From short-form cricket to high-energy basketball and reinvented tennis, sport is evolving to capture the attention of younger audiences raised on streaming, social media and instant entertainment. By Daniel Warren

Sport has always evolved. Rules change, equipment improves and audiences shift with the times. But over the past decade, another transformation has quietly accelerated across the global sporting landscape: the rise of faster, louder and more entertainment-driven formats designed specifically to attract younger audiences.

Traditional sports once relied almost entirely on history, tribal loyalty and ritual. Today, they are competing for attention in a world overflowing with streaming platforms, gaming, live music, social media and endless digital distractions.

The response from many sporting codes has been dramatic—shorter games, faster scoring, music, crowd interaction and a festival vibe are increasingly becoming part of the experience.

Nowhere is that more visible than in the emergence of alternative formats that place spectacle and accessibility at the centre of competition.

Tennis has long carried a reputation for tradition and etiquette, but recent years have seen experiments aimed at modernising the game's image. One of the most talked-about examples came in Vienna in 2021, when Greek star



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Stefanos Tsitsipas helped launch a new format built around shorter matches, music and fan interaction.

The concept stripped away much of the sport's traditional structure. Matches were reduced to best-of-three tiebreaks, line calls became automated and players remained courtside between matches, allowing crowds to engage more directly with competitors. DJs and live MCs replaced the quiet decorum usually associated with professional tennis.

Tsitsipas explained the idea was inspired partly by the atmosphere of American basketball games. "This competition offers explosiveness, intensity and competitiveness," he says. "Many years ago, I went to an NBA game, and I really liked the energy and the music. I want to bring young kids into the sport and make it fun."

The format reflected a broader reality facing modern sport: younger audiences increasingly expect entertainment to be immersive, fast-paced and social. A five-day cricket Test match can struggle to compete against the instant gratification offered elsewhere.

Cricket recognised this challenge

earlier than most. When England and Wales introduced Twenty20 cricket in 2003, traditionalists questioned whether shortening the game would dilute the sport's integrity. Instead, it transformed cricket globally.

T20 compressed the sport into a three-hour spectacle built around big hitting, music, lights and prime-time television audiences. Domestic leagues such as the Indian Premier League quickly became global entertainment juggernauts worth billions of dollars.

The game did not stop there. In 2021, the England and Wales Cricket Board introduced The Hundred, an even shorter format featuring 100-ball innings, simplified rules and an entertainment-heavy presentation aimed squarely at families and younger fans.

The strategy appears to be working. According to the England and Wales Cricket Board, The Hundred attracted a younger and more diverse audience during its inaugural seasons, including significant increases in female attendance and first-time cricket spectators.

Football has undergone a similar reinvention through small-sided formats.

Five-a-side football has existed for decades, but newer versions have altered the rules to create greater urgency and unpredictability.

One internationally successful variation removes goalkeepers entirely and introduces a twist where teams lose a player every time they concede a goal. The result is frantic, high-scoring matches that reward attacking play and create constant momentum swings.

Brazilian superstar Neymar da Silva Santos Júnior says the idea was to reshape how players think about recreational football. "The objective was transforming five-a-side football into a reference for football players whenever they think of small-sided games," he says. "It's very cool to see more female teams and women involved in the tournament at the highest level."

Basketball has perhaps adapted most naturally to this trend. The rise of 3x3 basketball has exploded globally over the past decade, eventually earning Olympic recognition at the Tokyo Games. Played on a half-court with just three players per side, the format is quicker, more physical and more heavily focused on



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attacking play than traditional five-on-five basketball.

Its appeal lies partly in simplicity. Games are shorter, scoring is faster and the atmosphere often resembles a street festival. Music pumps continuously, MCs engage directly with spectators and courts are frequently transformed into colourful urban art installations.

Serbian player Dušan Bulut, widely regarded as one of the sport's greatest 3x3 competitors, believes the atmosphere is central to the format's popularity. “It's simply amazing,” he says. “You see that the passion for the game is here, and you want to give a show to the crowd.”

Even traditionally conservative sports are experimenting. Golf has embraced shorter team-based events and made-for-television formats designed to reduce playing time and increase audience engagement. Swimming has trialled condensed meets featuring rapid-fire races, music and dramatic lighting aimed at television and streaming audiences.

Underlying all of these changes is the same challenge: attention spans are fragmenting.

According to a 2023 Deloitte sports industry report, younger audiences increasingly consume sport through highlights, social clips and short-form digital content rather than full live broadcasts. For sporting organisations, that means adapting not only how games are played but also how they are presented.

The rise of streaming platforms has intensified the pressure. Audiences now have unprecedented control over what they watch and when they watch it. Sport can no longer rely solely on tradition or loyalty; it must compete directly with entertainment products specifically engineered to hold attention.

That does not mean traditional formats are disappearing. Test cricket, Grand Slam tennis and full-length football matches still command enormous global audiences. But increasingly, sports are recognising that alternative formats can act as entry points for younger fans who may later develop deeper engagement with the traditional version.

In many cases, these shorter formats are less about replacing existing sports and more about broadening the audience

ecosystem around them.

The shift also reflects changing expectations around live events. Younger crowds often seek experiences rather than simply competition. Music, social interaction, food, art and atmosphere are becoming as important as the result itself.

What emerges is a hybrid between sport and entertainment—something closer to a cultural event than a conventional fixture.

Purists may resist some of these innovations, just as they resisted night matches in tennis decades earlier. Yet sport has always adapted to survive. Television changed scheduling. Sponsorship changed presentation. Social media changed athlete visibility. Faster formats may simply be the next phase of that evolution.

The real challenge for sporting organisations will be balance: preserving the authenticity and competitive integrity that built their audiences in the first place while embracing formats that resonate with new generations.

Because in an era where every screen competes for attention, standing still may no longer be an option. ■

A good fix

Wattz Fasteners began life in a backyard shed but is on course to become the biggest supplier on the NSW Central Coast.
By Kerryn Ramsey

While Wattz Fasteners is located in the suburb of Tuggerah on the NSW Central Coast, its reach is impressive. It regularly supplies fixings to businesses as far north as Newcastle and as far south as Sydney. The team has been involved with some expansive projects, ranging from the Terrigal Boardwalk to the refurbishment of the Dawn Fraser Baths in Sydney's inner west to the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music. While they're understandably proud of these huge jobs, the real satisfaction comes from a different area.

"We've helped set up a couple of ambulance bays, supplied all the fixings for the renovation of some schools and recently provided the majority of security screws for an airforce depot in Denman in the Upper Hunter Valley," says Jim Watts, general manager of Wattz Fasteners. "It's satisfying to assist all our customers but it really hits when we can help the wider community."

FAMILY BUSINESS

The company was started by Jim's father, Steve, in 2017. After working in the fasteners and fixings game for 30 years, he set up Steve Watts Fasteners and ran it from a shed in his backyard. Within 18 months, the company moved into the building they are operating out of today. Jim started working for the

company while he was studying sports business as the Australian College of Physical Education.

"When COVID hit, I decided to keep working with dad," Jim says. "In 2021, when I was about 23, I left the company and worked for eHealth NSW and a roofing company on the Central Coast. I soon discovered I didn't like either of them and came crawling back in 2022. Dad sold the business to Kim Bunting in 2023 and the name was changed to Wattz Fasteners—now spelled with a 'z'. Dad stayed on until he retired in July last year and I took over as general manager."

Wattz Fasteners is efficient with a small, committed team. Working closely with Jim is Matthew Ferraro, who looks after the invoicing, ordering and admin. James Haggerty works on the floor of the warehouse and Jackson Wedesweller is the driver. Even though Steve is retired, he's happy to fill in if someone is ill or on holidays.

The company supplies to a majority of trades including welding, roofing, fabrication, construction and home renovation. To cover all needs and eventualities, the business has more than 1000 stock numbered items on hand.

"I have to give a shout-out to my colleague, James, on the warehouse floor," Jim says. "With this much stock and so many variations, he easily exceeds 10,000 steps each day. Recently, he was filling a three-page order and the quantities were five of



To meet diverse customer needs, the company carries more than 1000 stock items.



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GENERAL MANAGER,
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this, 25 of that, 16 of another one. It took him two-and-a-half hours of constant back and forth.”

READY TO SERVE

While Jim is proud of Wattz Fasteners, the range of stock it carries, the projects it has assisted and the pricing of its products, there's one area where he's certain the business excels.

“Our customer service is exceptional,” he says. “All of us at Wattz Fasteners are proud of what we do and how we interact with our customers. We have the best knowledge of our goods and can offer the best advice on how to make it work with any project. Whether we're dealing with an individual or a big business, we'll provide solutions to all queries. The feedback we get from customers is always gratifying.”

Part of that quality customer service is tracking down specific items if they are not on hand. If stock is low or a customer wants an item that isn't stocked or there is an order for a very specific item, it will be in the warehouse by 8am the next morning.

“We open at 5:30am, stock is delivered at 6.30am, and it's sorted and ready for collection by 7.30am,” Jim says. “Many of our customers have expressed their appreciation that we are able to provide whatever they want by the morning of the next day.”

GROUP DECISION

When Jim was considering Wattz Fasteners joining CSS Group, he asked his father for advice. Steve's answer was to go for it.

“He encouraged me to join as it would give us a broader reach across Australia,” Jim says. “It also put us in contact with more suppliers so we could access a larger variety of stock. I was speaking with a company rep at a recent CSS conference and when I returned home, I needed something they carried. A quick phone call and the item was supplied. There's no doubt that joining CSS Group has increased our business.”

Wattz Fasteners is a growing business and Jim is presently looking for larger premises. With any luck, by the end of the year they will be in a place twice as big. “We want to further expand our range while improving what we do and what we supply,” Jim says. “But we want to stay in Tuggerah. Our five-year plan is to become the biggest and best fasteners supplier on the Central Coast—and I'm certain we can do it.” ■

Future proof

Neil Hipwell has built a highly successful and award-winning building business, creating luxury homes up and down the coast. By **Lynne Testoni**

There is a myth that it's just a matter of having a lucky break when it comes to creating a successful business, but according to Neil Hipwell of Futureflip, it's much more about working very hard and putting in long hours. Unglamorous, but true.

After leaving school at the age of 14 ("I was just failing at school," he says. "I was terrible—dyslexic, ADHD, and really struggling"), Hipwell says he found his calling when he did work experience with a local builder.

"I started doing work experience and I just loved it," he adds. "It was just the best thing ever. The builder I was working with was pretty impressed, so he's like, 'Mate, if you want to just keep working, you can just keep coming

every day'. So I just never went back to school."

After completing his apprenticeship four years later, Hipwell left to start his own business, Futureflip, in 2008.

"Basically, the day I got qualified I set up Futureflip and started my own thing from that day on," he says. "I've never worked for anyone else other than myself from my apprenticeship to now."

BIG THINGS GROW

"Futureflip started as bathrooms, kitchens, decks, pergolas, and basically anything I could get my hands on. Then it evolved into top-floor additions and then major renovations, then design and construct started when I was about 23. Clients started trusting me to do the design as well as the build—and it went



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from there," he recalls.

Originally from the Sutherland Shire, Hipwell and his family which includes wife Krystal (who also works in the business and manages Bunker Escapes and the family's property portfolio), are now based in Byron Bay where he is doing his own developments, supplemented by client work back in Sydney.

It's been almost 20 years of long hours and investing in the business, but he and Krystal are now building their forever home in Byron, with a view to creating the same level of luxury that they have built for their clients. While



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NEIL HIPWELL, OWNER, FUTUREFLIP



Hipwell's family business includes escape/holiday brand Bunker Escapes.

they have lived in some of the various investment properties they have built over the years, this is the first time they are creating their own luxury home to keep.

Hipwell says he wanted to ensure that the business was strong financially before they built their own home.

“My parents didn’t have much growing up and we had a pretty modest upbringing,” he explains, “so I had to work to get a set-up going. I saved pretty hard to get my first property. I didn’t drink, I didn’t party, I didn’t travel. I worked 80 hours a week for at least 10

to 12 years straight, before I had kids. I packed 20 years of work into 10 years, doing double the amount of work most people do to try and get myself ahead early.

“So I definitely worked really hard. But to be honest, I was so obsessed and passionate about what I did, I preferred to be working than surfing or travelling and I was just so into it.”

BY THE BAY

Futureflip has a strong management team now, so Hipwell mostly concentrates on his own developments,

and is currently working on seven different luxury home and holiday home projects around the Byron Bay area.

The family business now also includes Bunker Escapes, an escape/holiday brand. These impressively grand homes (many sleep 12-16) were built by Futureflip and are located in Byron Bay and Gerringong on the NSW South Coast. There are 11 properties in the Bunker portfolio with a combined value of more than \$50 million.

“It’s a much better return,” explains Hipwell. “I get a commercial return on a residential investment, which has been

PROFILE



Multi-award winning design and construction company Futureflip specialises in luxury new homes in Byron Bay and across Sydney and the South Coast.



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a better strategy while the market's been a little bit up and down. I can get bigger rents and hold really nice blue-chip properties in good areas that ride the wave a bit better than selling straight away in whatever market it's in.

“Krystal manages Bunker Escapes and our property portfolio, including the guest experience, styling and curation across all of the properties. I still do luxury home developments myself. We've currently got seven properties in Byron Bay that we've bought and are in the process of building or designing.

“We've seen a great opportunity up here for developments of really high-end properties, so we're targeting that now. We don't do client work up here. We're still focused on the Sydney market for

our client builds and designs.”

AWARD WINNING

Futureflip won the 2026 HIA Australian Custom Built Home as well as the 2026 HIA Australian People's Choice Winner, for a spectacular client project in Gerroa on the south coast.

The brief was broad and the client generous, Hipwell said, resulting in an amazing home. “It was for a long-term client, and he sold his business and got a bit more money, so he went, ‘Let's just go crazy and do the coolest house ever’. It was pretty much endless budget and I could do everything I could imagine.”

While the family is now permanently located in Byron, Hipwell still flies back to Sydney every three weeks, spending

four days with the Futureflip business, which now has a general manager.

It's an impressive result for a man who left school at 14.

“When I look back, none of this was part of a carefully planned roadmap,” Hipwell says. “It began with a builder who gave a struggling teenager a chance. The building industry changed my life. It gave me confidence, purpose, opportunity and a future.

“Eighteen years later, I'm still driven by the same dream I had as an apprentice—to create exceptional homes, build great businesses, and provide opportunities for the next generation.

“Because somewhere out there is another 14-year-old kid who feels like they don't fit the mould. And they might just be the future of our industry.” ■

Grand theft

Cybercriminals are targeting Australia's construction industry through fake invoices and Business Email Compromise (BEC) scams. For tradies and construction businesses, the best defence starts with pausing before paying. By **Shane Conroy**

A supplier invoice lands in your inbox. The branding looks right. The amount seems plausible. The job is moving quickly, the payment is due, and there is no obvious reason to question it.

That is exactly the kind of everyday moment cybercriminals are exploiting through Business Email Compromise (BEC) scams. These scams typically involve cybercriminals posing as a legitimate business contact over email to deceive victims into redirecting payments to fraudulent accounts.

For tradies and construction businesses, the threat is real. Across Australia, scammers stole more than \$152.6 million through BEC attacks in 2024, a 66 per cent increase from the \$91.6 million reported in 2023.

The AFP has also warned of a sharp rise in BEC attacks aimed specifically at Australia's construction sector. These scams are not just targeting large organisations. They can also affect smaller operators that rely on trust, repeat suppliers, and fast payment processes to keep work moving.

WHY CONSTRUCTION IS BEING TARGETED

Construction companies are an attractive target because payments must often be made to a complex network of subcontractors and suppliers. Invoices can be large, deadlines can be tight, and payment details may pass through busy inboxes.

"The construction sector, with its high-value transactions and complex

subcontracting chains, has become an attractive target for organised cybercrime groups operating both domestically and offshore," says AFP Assistant Commissioner Cyber Command Richard Chin.

The AFP says a lack of cybersecurity resources, especially among time-poor small and family-run construction businesses, may increase exposure to BEC scams, because scammers know how to exploit trust and urgency.

For example, scams can succeed when a business accepts a request to change bank details by email, rushes an urgent payment, or fails to confirm a request through a trusted contact.

"Unfortunately, victims often don't realise they've been defrauded until it's too late and the funds have already been moved through multiple international

"WE'RE ALL BUSY AND IT'S EASY TO RUSH THROUGH TASKS, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO PAYMENTS, TAKING A MOMENT TO STOP AND VERIFY CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROTECTING YOUR HARD-EARNED CASH AND BECOMING A VICTIM TO CYBERCRIME."

AC RICHARD CHIN, AFP



BUSINESS

accounts,” explains AC Chin.

HOW THE SCAM WORKS

BEC scams can be highly targeted. According to the AFP, criminals may watch public tender information to learn who is working on a project, then pose as a real supplier and send a fake invoice with their own bank details.

Some scammers may also call and claim an invoice is overdue and pressure the recipient to act quickly. Once the payment is made, the money may be moved into overseas accounts and may be unrecoverable.

For example, a NSW construction

company received fraudulent invoices totalling \$41,800 from criminals who made invoices appear to come from the email address of a business the company already knew and dealt with.

After making the payment, the victim texted the remittance to the supplier using a known mobile number and was told the bank details were incorrect. The victim immediately reported the incident to police through ReportCyber, and the full amount was recovered.

In Queensland, scammers pretended to be a real construction company and appeared to know details about its existing relationship

with the victim organisation. Investigations found links to offshore syndicates, and while some funds were recovered, total losses amounted to more than \$1 million.

These examples show how, in many cases, the scam depends on making a false payment request look familiar enough to pass through ordinary business processes.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS

The most important protection is simple: pause before paying.

“We’re all busy and it’s easy to rush

“THE AFP IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH INDUSTRY PARTNERS; STATE, TERRITORY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO DISRUPT THESE CRIMINAL SYNDICATES. CYBERCRIME PREVENTION IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY, AND EVEN SMALL STEPS CAN STOP SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL LOSSES.”

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through tasks, but when it comes to payments, taking a moment to stop and verify can be the difference between protecting your hard-earned cash and becoming a victim to cybercrime,” says AC Chin.

Verification matters most when bank details change, an invoice arrives unexpectedly, or someone applies pressure to pay quickly. And, critically, do not use the contact details listed on the suspicious invoice to verify it. Those details may belong to the scammer.

“No matter how legitimate a request may appear, always confirm payment instructions through a secondary

communication channel, such as a trusted contact you’ve previously engaged with,” AC Chin recommends.

That might mean calling a supplier on a number already saved in your records, or checking with the person you usually deal with before approving payment. For larger payments, it may mean asking a second person inside your business to review and approve the transaction.

The AFP also recommends contacting your financial institution immediately if you believe you have made an incorrect payment, and reporting suspicious activity to police

through ReportCyber.

Construction businesses do not need to become cyber experts overnight. But they do need firm payment rules, trusted contact records, and a culture where people are encouraged to slow down and verify payments before money leaves the account.

“The AFP is working closely with industry partners; state, territory and international law enforcement, and financial institutions to disrupt these criminal syndicates,” says AC Chin.

“Cybercrime prevention is a shared responsibility, and even small steps can stop significant financial losses.” ■

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Water woes

More funding and smarter solutions are urgently needed to address Australia's struggling water infrastructure systems. By Cameron Cooper

Stuart Khan doubts that many politicians see major underground water and sewer infrastructure projects as media-friendly projects.

"Nobody cuts a ribbon on a sewer," says Professor Khan, head of School of Civil Engineering at the University of Sydney. "Big dams are sexy and governments like to talk about them, but not the pumps and pipes and sewers."

Yet those less-visible systems are under growing strain. Ageing assets, climate change and rapid population growth are placing increasing pressure on Australia's water infrastructure, with experts warning that significant investment and redevelopment are overdue. According to Infrastructure Australia, many urban and regional water and wastewater networks are nearing the end of their operational life, raising the risk of system failures, leaks, contamination and service disruptions. Similar challenges are

emerging globally.

Professor Khan says the consequences extend beyond inconvenience. "If our water supplies start to fail, we'll have more public health concerns. We'll have more waterborne outbreaks and more underlying levels of infection."

The issue is already affecting housing development. In parts of southwest and northwest Sydney, for example, water supply infrastructure is struggling to keep pace with rapid residential construction. "That has a big impact both on the value of those homes that are built and then just simply on the quality of life," Professor Khan says.

CHALLENGES AHEAD

Water infrastructure is fundamental to economic activity, supporting agriculture, energy generation and industrial processes. However, climate change is making supply less reliable.

Declining rainfall, rising temperatures and more frequent extreme weather

events are reducing the dependability of traditional water sources. Future demand will only intensify these pressures. Australia's shift towards high-value, low-emission industries such as green hydrogen and data centres is expected to increase water use significantly.

Dr Nicholas Fearnley, head of Global Construction at Oxford Economics, notes that water construction activity has picked up in recent years, particularly driven by Sydney Water, Australia's largest water and wastewater service provider.

However, he expects a much larger injection of investment. "It seems mostly to be driven by Sydney Water at the moment, but we do think that there's a significant wave coming because of population growth," says Dr Fearnley, pointing to likely rising demand along the east coast through the 2040s and 2050s.

Governments are increasing investment in regional and high-growth

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PROFESSOR STUART KHAN, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

areas, but in some cases the response may already be lagging demand. In Adelaide, for instance, existing water infrastructure constraints have begun to affect residential construction.

Dr Fearnley warns that delays risk broader economic consequences. Faster, more coordinated investment is needed to “avoid bottlenecks that could limit broader economic growth”.

There are signs of progress. Infrastructure Australia has identified nationally significant projects, including Perth water security upgrades, the Adelaide River Off-Stream Water Storage project in the Northern Territory, and major wastewater upgrades in South Australia and Tasmania.

DESALINATION BOOM

Infrastructure Australia has also warned that water constraints could increasingly limit housing supply and economic growth if infrastructure fails to keep pace.

In response, desalination is re-emerging as a key solution. Oxford Economics expects a construction boom as water authorities expand desalination capacity to address looming shortages. Population growth alone is projected to add an extra 190 gigalitres of annual household water demand across major cities by 2035, while the rapid expansion of data centres is likely to further increase urban water consumption.

At the same time, declining rainfall in major population centres is making existing systems more vulnerable. Desalination offers a climate-independent water source, improving supply reliability regardless of weather conditions.

Dr Fearnley says this has renewed interest among water authorities, with many planning to expand desalination capacity over the coming decade.

Less popular, but also an option, are Advanced Water Treatment Plants. These facilities recycle wastewater through multiple treatment stages, removing contaminants and producing high-quality water suitable for reuse.

“So it’s this idea that instead of just taking water, using it once and then putting it into the sewage network that we recycle the water, which is something that happens in other countries around the world,” Dr Fearnley says.

However, public resistance remains a barrier, with many Australians reluctant to accept recycled water for drinking.

WORKFORCE AND INVESTMENT GAPS

Underinvestment in water infrastructure has broader economic implications. Professor Khan says the lack of major projects is hurting construction firms. “The construction sector’s missing out on a lot of work that they should be engaging in.”

At the same time, a skills shortage is deepening. Fewer students are entering engineering, and Australia relies heavily on skilled migration to meet workforce needs. “If we didn’t have the skilled migration, we would have a huge deficit already,” Professor Khan says.

Dr Fearnley adds that the construction workforce is ageing rapidly, with about a quarter of workers aged over 55 and expected to retire within 15 years. Without enough younger workers entering the industry, labour shortages will persist.

THE PATH FORWARD

Addressing these challenges will require a mix of investment, policy reform and technological innovation.

Governments and industry are pursuing a range of strategies, including expanding desalination,



increasing water recycling, developing groundwater replenishment projects and upgrading wastewater treatment plants. However, experts stress that better planning and coordination are just as critical.

Professor Khan argues for more integrated urban water management and closer collaboration between governments, utilities and the private sector. He also points to the political



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difficulty of funding reform.

Sydney Water's proposal to increase customer prices by about 50 per cent to fund infrastructure upgrades has faced strong backlash, discouraging political support. "So, we are kicking the can down the road," he says.

Technology could help ease some pressure. Advances in artificial intelligence and machine learning are improving digital monitoring systems,

enabling utilities to detect leaks earlier and optimise network performance.

"These new technologies can help us to predict where failure is occurring and will be very helpful in predicting where end of lifetime and value likelihood is occurring," Professor Khan says.

Technology alone will not solve the problem, however. Dr Fearnley emphasises that sustained government investment remains essential.

"So, it really is the government that finances works with the private sector to be able to get these projects off the ground," he says. "I think government plays a key role."

While innovation can help extend the life of existing assets and improve efficiency, it cannot replace the need for new infrastructure.

"We do need to build more infrastructure," Dr Fearnley says. ■

Satisfaction guaranteed

A dedication to old-fashioned customer service has seen Bolts N Bits in South East Queensland supply all manner of large and small projects. By Frank Leggett

Ken Fleming had a clear reason for starting his own business in 2007. He had spent the previous 30 years working two jobs—the only two jobs of his working life. The first 16 years was at an industrial supplies company with the last eight years on the road as a representative. The next 14 years was with a wholesale abrasives company.

“I felt I needed to take control of my own destiny,” Fleming says. “I also wanted to run a business that I could instill with my own fundamental principles. I started Bolts N Bits in my two-car garage at home. From the outset, our core business has been

selling the A to Z of industrial supplies, everything from bolts and nuts to cutting tools to abrasives to PPE to lifting products.”

Bolts N Bits is located in Loganholme, Queensland, halfway between Brisbane and the Gold Coast. Over the past 19 years, the business has sold and stocked in excess of 38,000 product lines. With such a large amount of stock, inventory can be a challenge but one that’s tackled head-on.

“The stock we carry is constantly evolving,” Fleming says. “It changes every day. Despite this we have a pretty good handle on things.”

The efficiency of the business is

largely due to the staff of four who are willing to go the extra mile for their customers. “Our team share the same values,” Fleming says. “We embrace old-fashioned customer service. If someone is searching for an item we don’t carry, we’ll get it for them.”

The variety of trades and businesses that Bolts N Bits supplies is impressive. This includes civil construction, the building industry, manufacturers, fabricators and many other sectors of industry. They also supply training institutions and government departments.

“Bolts N Bits keeps a database of all the businesses we have dealt with one way or another,” Fleming says. “It can be over the counter, on the phone, through Google and other online platforms, or a personal visit. That number is now over 4000 businesses.

I’m particularly proud of our involvement with many major projects including Queens Wharf in Brisbane, Logan Hospital, Coomera Hospital, and Springfield Hospital. These types of projects are very satisfying.”

BETTER PREMISES

From their base in Loganholme, Bolts N Bits cover a large area of Queensland. They do a lot of business

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in the surrounding areas but also supply businesses across the whole metropolitan area of Brisbane.

From Fleming's opening in a garage 19 years ago, Bolts N Bits has slowly but steadily grown in size. After the startup, the business moved into a warehouse complex of nine units and for the past 16 years, rented a space that was serviceable but not ideal.

"It had somewhat limited street exposure," Fleming says. "We had a trade counter, a showroom and a warehouse but it was all quite small. It was also in a corner of the complex."

Three years ago, a larger unit with great street exposure came up for sale. Fleming jumped at the opportunity. "Its size gave us the ability to improve our showroom and expand the warehouse," he says. "The street exposure is fantastic and has greatly increased our counter traffic. Walk-in numbers have also increased and whether it's a home renovator or a large business, we never turn anyone away."

NETWORK AND ACCESS

Fleming chose to add Bolts N Bits to the CSS group for the immediate networking opportunities.

"Discussing and talking to like-minded, independent businesses

around Australia is a real help to the business," Fleming says. "So is having access to suppliers that we hadn't been in contact with previously. The business support from the management and marketing people at CSS is fantastic."

Happily situated in their new building with great street exposure, Bolts N Bits will continue to grow as a business. At the same time, it will actively work to hold onto the principles and values that made it a success in the first place.

"Moving into a larger space has given us a new lease of life," Fleming says. "After 19 years as a business, people are walking in and saying, 'I never knew you were here.' New customers are always welcome at Bolts N Bits."

The success of Bolts N Bits is built on a foundation of a few simple principles. Prioritising customer service is essential, as are the key strengths that have served the company well.

"We offer flexibility, on-time deliveries and, of course, we're competitive in the marketplace," Fleming says. "This doesn't mean we're the cheapest—after all, anyone can be the cheapest—but we're reliable, friendly and have a wealth of knowledge about our products and how to use them. I'm very proud of my business and my fantastic team." ■



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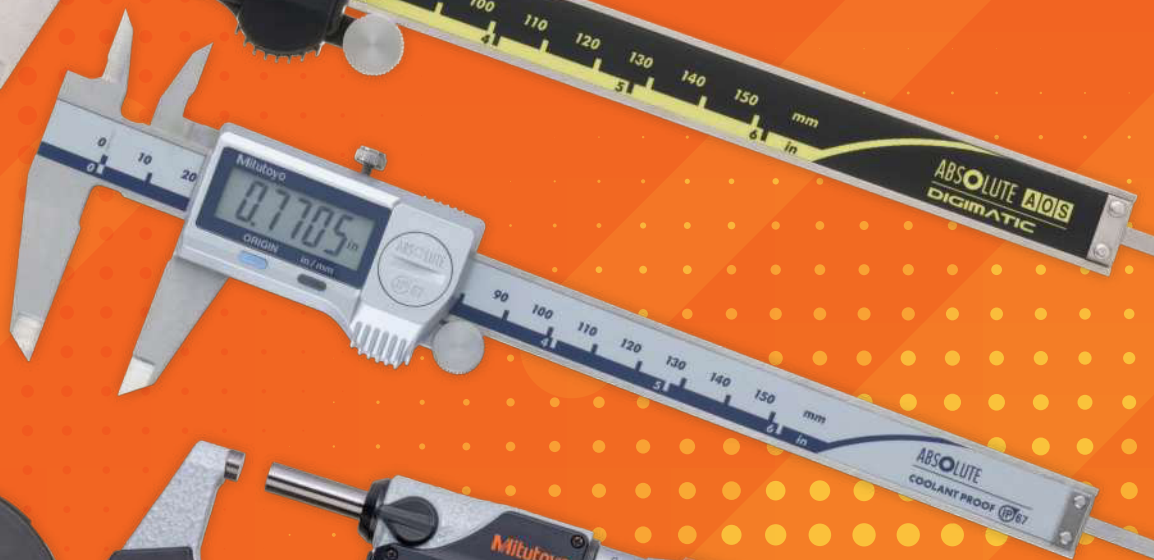


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Recovering stuck vehicles and machinery is a common challenge across Australian farms. Whether it's a bogged Ute, a tractor or truck stuck after heavy rain, or a harvester or trailer that needs repositioning, using the correct recovery equipment can improve safety, reduce downtime, and help prevent damage to valuable machinery.

While snatch straps and UHMWPE tow stropps can all be used in recovery operations, each is designed for a different purpose.

Snatch Straps are designed for dynamic recoveries in which a vehicle is bogged and requires momentum to assist with the recovery. The nylon webbing stretches under load, storing energy before releasing it to assist the recovery. This controlled stretch effect helps generate the pulling force needed to free a stuck vehicle. Typically stretching around 20–30%, snatch straps store significantly more energy than low-stretch recovery products. Because of this stored energy, they also have a greater recoil potential if the strap, attachment point, or connection system fails.

Austlift UHMWPE Tow Stropps are designed for towing and controlled recoveries. With very little stretch up to 5%, they transfer pulling force

directly from one vehicle or machine to another. Unlike a snatch strap, a tow stropp can be used to recover both powered and non-powered equipment that requires a steady, controlled pull and doesn't do well under shock loading. Their lightweight construction makes them easy to carry and handle while still providing exceptional strength. UHMWPE tow stropps have very low stretch (around 1–3%) and therefore store much less energy than a snatch strap.

UHMWPE soft shackles are made from the same material as the tow stropp and are a better choice as an alternative to steel shackles. They are lightweight and strong, and assist in reducing the risk of heavy metal steel shackle components becoming projectiles during a failure. When used with either snatch straps or tow stropps, the combination provides the lowest recoil and projectile risk of the systems discussed.

When choosing your recovery method, take into account the following questions:

- The terrain you're operating in is flat ground, uneven surface, hilly, or sloping?
- Type or ground like mud, clay, sand, or rocky ground?
- The GMV of your vehicle or

equipment, is it powered or non-powered?

These three questions can affect your choice of recovery, as they can increase the load resistance on your recovery.

Safety factor is another consideration that must be taken into account. Most recovery devices are calculated on the minimum breaking strain of the recovery device. This is the point when the product fails, and just because you have a 15T GMV vehicle, it doesn't mean a 15T recovery device will do the job.

As a starting point, the **safety factor should always be a 2-to-1 ratio** as a minimum, and the following resistance formula should be used as a guide in addition to the added safety factor:

- **Light bogged: 0.5 x GVM**
- **Severely bogged: 0.75 x GVM**
- **Fully bogged: 1.0 x GVM (or higher)**

In real conditions:

- **Mud suction / soft sand can push this to 1.2 – 1.5+**

For example, a 15ton GVM vehicle is severely bogged, the minimum recovery strap or stropp to use would be calculated like this.

$$15T \times 2 \text{ safety factor} = 30T + (0.75 \times 15T \text{ GVM} = 11.25T) \text{ resistance factor} = 41.25T$$

So, your recovery strap or stropp should be at least 40T minimum breaking strain.

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Recent technical guidance from both the Australian Steel Institute (ASI) and BlueScope, Australia's leading coated steel manufacturer, reinforces a simple message to the construction supply chain — not all silicones are created equal, and extended formulations introduce unnecessary risk in exterior applications.

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The Australian Steel Institute's Technical Specification TS001, released to guide silicone sealant selection for external steel cladding systems, outlines minimum performance requirements for applications including roofing, flashing, wall cladding and rainwater goods, where long-term weatherproofing is critical to performance.

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Wodonga, VIC

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