

A world of possibilities in a concrete world

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Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung People of the Eastern Kulin Nation.

I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders of other Aboriginal communities who may be here today.



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Concrete – what's the issue?

- Concrete is an excellent building material
- But used in huge quantities and consumes many different resources
- Cement has high embodied carbon due to clinker production – ~8% of world wide emissions
- Presents a significant opportunity to adopt circular outcomes and reduce emissions



Collaboration – key to progress

- Low carbon concrete working group
- MTIA project offices, returned asset owners, universities, suppliers, contractors
- Leverage the Big Build for trials, including:
 - Virgin aggregate and sand replacement
 - Steel replacement
 - High SCM mixes
 - Geopolymers
 - Calcined clays
 - Combinations of the above



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Standards and Specifications

Identification



Supply chain upgrade Idea development and realisation

Engagement

Testing and field trials



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Recent innovations

- Metro Tunnel State Library Station
 - 25% recycled glass sand in structural grade concrete slabs

• Mt Derrimut Rd LX Station Roof

40 MPa 50% SCM & Polyrok @10kg/m3
DTP approved for structural applications

Melbourne Airport Rail early works

- 50 MPa 70% SCM
- 50 MPa 50% SCM + 20% recycled concrete aggregate
- Epping Road
 - 50 MPa precast box culverts 50% SCM
- Calcined clay investigations



What's next?

• Panel discussion