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CRC for Low Carbon Living welcomes appointment of Minister for Cities and the Built Environment

The CRC for Low Carbon Living welcomes the appointment of the Honorable Jamie Briggs MP as Federal Minister for Cities and the Built Environment, a new position which recognises the importance of the built environment and cities to Australia’s overall progress and prosperity.

“I congratulate the Prime Minister on the creation of this new portfolio to oversee cities and the built environment, which embrace Australia’s economy, industry and communities and are imperative to ensuring our nation’s ongoing productivity and prosperity,” said CRC for Low Carbon Living CEO, Scientia Professor Deo Prasad AO.

“The built environment is a major contributor to Australians’ quality of life, health and wellbeing and mitigating the impacts of carbon through innovation in this sector is important not only for the environment, but also for the future of Australian industry.

“As the national research and innovation hub working towards lowering carbon emissions in the built environment and enabling a globally competitive sector, the CRC for Low Carbon Living is pleased to see that cities and the built environment are a key focus of the Australian Government’s agenda.

“We look forward to continuing to work with the Federal Government and our many industry, research and government partners to further underpin Australia’s competitiveness in this sector,” concluded Professor Prasad.

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About the CRC for Low Carbon Living Ltd

The CRC for Low Carbon Living (CRCLCL) is a national research and innovation hub that supports Australian industry to be globally competitive in the low carbon built environment sector.

It brings together property, planning, engineering and policy organisations with leading Australian researchers to develop new social, technological and policy tools for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the built environment.

A key aim of the CRCLCL is to help cut Australia’s residential and commercial carbon emissions by 10 mega tonnes by 2020. It will do this by developing opportunities for lower-embodied carbon manufacturing, creating efficiency and productivity in the built environment sector, empowering and engaging communities, increasing the evidence base for government policy and planning, and building the sector’s capacity for high quality research, education and training.

The CRCLCL is supported by the Cooperative Research Centres programme, an Australian Government initiative.