

# The most ambitious school building project in Victorian history

The Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) congratulates the Victorian Government

06/05/2016 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE The Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) congratulates the Victorian Government for its investment in the future growth and development of education infrastructure in Victoria which will underpin future innovation across the State. To safeguard the \$1.1b investment and ensure both the Victorian Government and the people of Victoria are getting value for money in this initiative, the AIQS recommends the government engage AIQS professionally qualified quantity surveyors from the outset of these projects to ensure costs are controlled and managed. AIQS quantity surveyors, by working side by side with the Victorian Government, will control costs, minimise risks, and provide certainty to ensure potential cost overruns experienced on some school projects undertaken during the BER are not repeated. Part of this cost control process is ensuring the procurement of contractors to deliver these projects is done in a manner to provide 'value for money' and not simply flood the market with projects. With rates for education projects ranging from \$1,500/m<sup>2</sup> to \$4,500/m<sup>2</sup> dependent on the scale of the work required, it is important that the 23 new schools and upgrades to 147 schools have this professional quantity surveyor advice from the initiation of each project. This will ensure that each project has a skilled professional as part of the team to assist in identifying and minimising risks associated with time, cost, quality, environment and safety. For more information, contact Peter Clack (AIQS President) on 02 8234 4000 or [president@aiqs.com.au](mailto:president@aiqs.com.au). The Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) The Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) is the peak professional body for Quantity Surveying in Australia and Internationally, with over 4,000 Members. Through its leadership, Standards, and Code of Professional Conduct, AIQS ensures that practising Quantity Surveyors are dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of professional excellence. The Institute promotes AIQS Quantity Surveyor members in providing impartial, independent, expert advice which benefit construction and infrastructure projects, by ensuring that design and construction costs are managed as efficiently and effectively as possible. The Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) Level 3, 70 Pitt St Sydney, NSW 2000 Australia (02) 8234 4000 [www.aiqs.com.au](http://www.aiqs.com.au)

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