RESOURCES TO HELP YOU GAUGE THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

There are a few major sources of information to help you assess the size and scope of the Australian construction industry.

For a good overview of the industry try the IBIS World Database: These are industry reports with market share, industry growth and company profiles for the big players like Lend Lease, Leighton etc.

This database has a heading on its home for construction, and then within that choose ‘Construction E’ for the most general overview of the industry.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics also has some good data for this task.

Go to ‘Ausstats’ in the library catalogue and connect.

Once in there you’ll find good reports under the heading of Construction Industry including:

"8752.0 - Building Activity, Australia"

"8755.0 - Construction Work Done, Australia"

Private Sector Construction Industry, Australia, 2002-03 (a little out of date now)

The ‘Topics at a Glance’ area also has some good info.

Another Good place to look is in the Business Source Complete database. Once you have accessed this database type in ‘construction industry Australia’ and you will reports like the Construction & Engineering Industry Profile: Australia & the Australian Infrastructure report.

Other things that might interest you are the Building in Australia series from Residex and the HIA Cordell Construction 100 report from Cordell. These are both in paper, and live in the Closed Reserve in the City Campus Library.