

CROSS-AUS

Confidential Reporting on Structural Safety

What is CROSS-AUS?

CROSS-AUS (Confidential Reporting on Structural Safety - Australasia) is the confidential reporting scheme established to capture and share lessons learned from structural safety issues which might not otherwise have had public recognition. Value is added to the reports by the CROSS-AUS Expert Panel members who provide comments to help engineers learn from the experiences of others.

CROSS-AUS is managed and run independently by a team of Australian structural and civil engineers and details are shown on the website www.cross-aus.org.au

There is a database of anonymised reports and CROSS-AUS will publish quarterly Newsletters on its website with the latest reports and comments from the Expert Panel.

Why is CROSS-AUS confidential?

The confidential reporting techniques used by CROSS were first developed by NASA for the aviation industry in the USA. A confidential system allows safety issues to be reported without creating concerns in areas like co-worker relations, client loyalty, or insurance. It has a no-blame culture.

The reporter's personal information and any identifiable details, such as a project, product, individual or organisation, are completely confidential to CROSS-AUS with only the Designated Persons having access to personal information. Information on the Designated Persons can be found on the website.

Why should I report to CROSS-AUS?

Analysis of the reported safety issues can provide insight into how the concerns or events occurred and spur the development of measures to improve public safety.

Since CROSS was first established in the UK in 2005 it has been instrumental in influencing improvements in safety. With growing interest from organisations in several countries parallel schemes are developing. Each has its own identity but reports and publications are held in a common database for engineers everywhere to use. For details and examples go to www.structural-safety.org

What should I report to CROSS-AUS?

Structural failures and collapses, or safety concerns about the design, construction or use of structures. Near misses, or observations relating to failures or collapses which have not been uncovered through formal investigation are also welcomed.

Small scale events are important - they can be the precursors to more major failures. No concern is too small to be reported and conversely nothing is too large.



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