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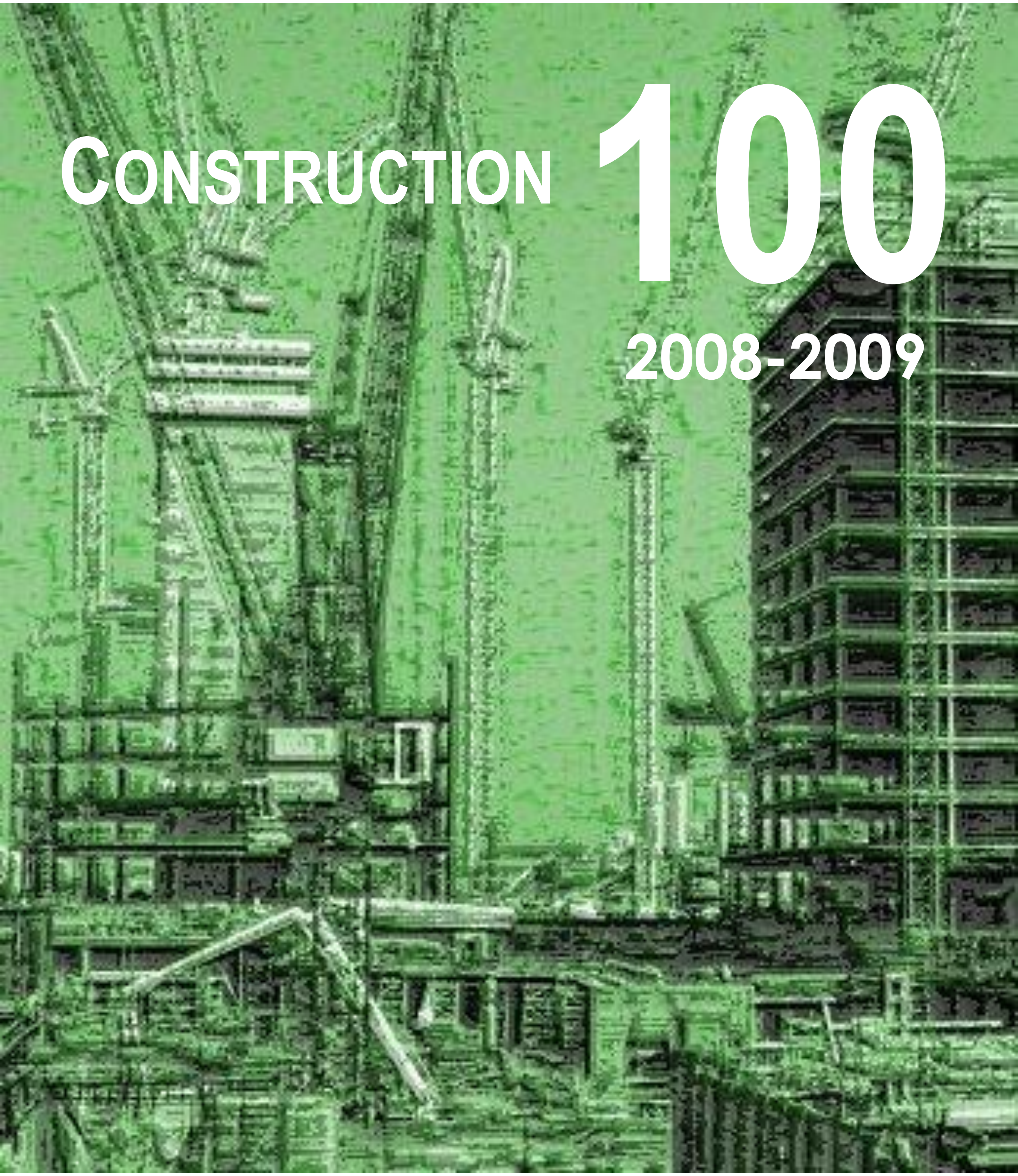

Australia's 100 Largest Commercial Construction Companies

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The Construction 100

The most active commercial construction companies in 2008/09

The construction sector enjoyed a strong year in 2008/09. However, the economic climate is unlikely to be kind to the commercial sector in the current financial year.

In 2008/09 total work done on commercial construction increased by 18.9 per cent to over $107 billion. Work done on detached houses and renovations increased by a much smaller 2.3 per cent to $58.8 billion.

Once again, work on engineering construction led the way for the non-residential sector, increasing by 23.6 per cent to $72.9 billion. The vast proportion of this total, 82 per cent to be precise, was accounted for by private contractors. Non residential building work increased by 3.9 per cent to $33.3 billion. Multi-unit construction gained 10.1 per to $11.7 billion.

Size and Composition of the Industry

For the record, the non-residential construction industry, as defined in this report, consists of three major segments:

- Non-residential building: mainly commercial, industrial, education, and health-care buildings;
- Engineering construction: mainly roads, railways, telecommunications, and power, water and sewerage infrastructure;
- Multi-unit residential housing.

The measurement of the non-residential sector excludes the market for new detached houses and for renovations to housing (evident in the first chart to your right) and excludes engineering construction carried out by the public sector's own workforce. Mining projects are excluded from the largest 100 list given the lack of clarity regarding actual construction activity. Around 20 per cent of non-residential building is for the public sector, but private contractors are responsible for nearly all of it.

Largest Contractors

The largest 100 companies won contracts worth $57 billion in 2008/09, work equal to 67 per cent of all non-mining projects started in the year to March 2009.

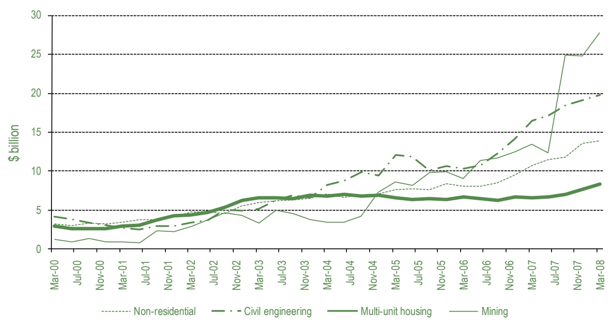
Total contracts over the 12 months to March 2009 jumped by a massive 53.9 per cent compared to the previous report. Civil Engineering projects jumped 116 per cent, while multi-units jumped 104 per cent. The largest 10 companies accounted for 48 per cent of all work won by the largest 100, a slightly lower share than the 50 per cent which applied to 2007/08. The largest 20 companies accounted for 64 per cent of all work won by the *Construction 100*, down slightly on the 69 per cent share for 2007/08.

Top of the pops in 2008/09 was the John Holland Group with $7.8 billion worth of work spread across mostly civil and community construction. Bovis Lend Lease was the second largest group, covering all construction categories. Leighton Contractors came in third, due largely to civil engineering and a strong year in multi unit apartments.

Construction 100 at a glance 2008/2009	
Contracts Won	**$ million**
Commercial	9,067
Industrial	4,148
Community	10,693
Civil Engineering	23,468
Multi-unit Housing	9,800
Total	57,176
Market Share	
Commercial	61%
Industrial	41%
Community	99%
Civil Engineering	110%
Multi-unit Housing	86%
Total	67%

Commercial Construction Work Yet to be Done, Australia

Source:ABS 8752, 8762



Commercial Construction Market, Australia
Work done in 2008/09, current prices

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