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Richard Choy, NATSPEC CEO, said that the issue is much more complicated than everyone imagines. “Materials and products move through multiple organisations before they are finished in a built project. Time and cost pressures mean that there is no single body in a position to be responsible for all conformity and compliance checking of the final project.”

“The NCPR by itself will not ensure that a product is conforming or compliant. It can only help mitigate some of the risk and provide a focus on the need for product conformity. It will support the great work being done by industry organisations. Everyone in the construction supply chain needs to do their bit. If someone knows conformity will be checked, they will take extra care.”

“The development of the database was slow because the process of checking evidence of conformity includes going back to the party that issued the test certificate/product certification. This has not been as easy as hoped. The database now has over 500 products listed as well as 10 industry schemes that are accredited by the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JAZ-ANZ). The products listed were tested by a NATA accredited laboratory or provided with a certificate by a JAZ-ANZ accredited body. Products will be progressively added as their evidence is verified.”

The aim of the NCPR is to help the industry mitigate risk in a cost effective way. It is intended to provide:

- Readily available verified conformity information on construction products.
- An increased awareness and understanding of the importance of conformity by designers, specifiers, contractors and manufacturers.
- Improved safety for the Australian public.
- A freely accessible system for consultants and contractors to determine if a proposed substitute product has evidence, checked by NATSPEC, of conformity to Australian and International Standards.

The NCPR will eventually have four sections:

- N – National Construction Product Register
- C – Community section for sharing information
- P – Product Conformity technical information
- R – Resources of a technical nature.

NATSPEC has responded to requests from Government departments and industry organisations by setting up a register of construction products. NATSPEC is proud to announce that the first stage is live at www.ncpr.com.au and that it is also accessible through NATSPEC at www.natspec.com.au.

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