



In-Touch Advisory updates 2026-Q3

- Global:** [UN-Habitat World Cities Report 2026](#) – *The Global Housing Crisis: Pathways to Action* makes it clear that there is a deep global systemic housing crisis. This 322-page report provides insights into decades of underinvestment, urbanisation, climate risks, affordability gaps, forced displacements, and market distortions pushing 3.4 billion people into inadequate housing conditions.
The report offers transformational solutions. Housing is framed not as a shelter issue but as a central pillar of human development, climate action, resilience, and economic stability.
Australian Government – [Housing supply regulation](#) report on 2026 housing controls and affordability.
In related news: Value downturn continues in [Australia](#) and [New Zealand](#) according to Cotality.
- Regional:** Nick Maclean OBE RD FRICS, Global President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) completed his second Asia Pacific visit in September meeting members and industry leaders in China, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore. 
- Local:** Property Council of Australia plan to refresh of “a Guide to Office Building Quality” (GTOBQ, 2019). For this important initiative, Property Council have engaged with 40 plus industry leaders, experts and staff, again appointing Stephen Ballesty as chair, who was previously responsible for the GTOBQ 1st, 2nd, and 3rd editions. 
- Insights:** Contributing to events / publications, details available at: [Insights – In-Touch Advisory](#)
 - FMA Australia’s [FM Connect 26](#) annual conference, 4-6 August in Brisbane: “[FM 2030 & Beyond](#)” masterclass. 
 - ISO/TC 267’s: [ISO 41002:2026 - FM - Development of the facility management organization](#).
- Congratulations:** we celebrate the following this quarter:
 - Teena Shouse, CFM, IFMA Fellow honoured by the establishment of the [Teena Shouse Advancing Women in Facilities Scholarship](#) through the IFMA Business Community and IFMA Foundation.
 - [RICS Awards](#) - Asia Pacific participants at events held in Auckland (26 August), Shanghai (28 August), Melbourne (17 September), and Bengaluru (23 September) 
- Local industry resource updates:** what else we noted this quarter:
 - Australian Government – Dept. of Employment & Workplace Relations:* [Potential Commonwealth standards for the construction industry](#). **Note:** Submissions close, 16 October 2026.
 - Australian Government – Treasury:* Release of [Climate-related transition planning guidance](#). Voluntary guidance to help organisations plan for the impacts of the net zero transition and changing climate on their operations, with practical advice, and links to good practice resources.
 - Australian Constructors Association (ACA) & Consult Australia:* Release of [Partnership for Change - Project Design: best practice principles](#). These principles reinforce the importance of early engagement and an active client approach to improve risk management, promote cost certainty, and deliver value and better outcomes across projects.

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Per our **SDGs action plan**, this quarter our charitable support is directed to the **Nepal Flood Appeal** 

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