

Session 3

MAXIMISING VALUE AND MINIMISING COSTS ON QUT FACILITIES

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The Queensland University of Technology (QUT) own and manage a significant portfolio of facilities including learning spaces, offices, and common areas. Every five years the University commissions an independent assessment of the current building element condition, functional audit of all facility spaces, and a revaluation of all fixed assets. The purpose of this exercise is to understand the performance of the current assets and spaces provided in order to create economic, social, and environmental sustainability.

In 2011, this project has been awarded to Opus International Consultants who have further refined the outputs by placing a stronger emphasis on the project outcomes. Improvements have been made across several aspects of the project in conjunction with the Facility Asset Management group at the University. The integration of skills and experience has created a methodology that drives accuracy, robustness, and value.

This presentation describes the required outcomes and the practices specifically developed to create the project deliverables. Of greater interest is the value created by the project to the University in determining their facilities and subsequently minimising their whole of life costs.

Presenters Biography

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