



## Australian delegation tours wood buildings in Portland and British Columbia

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A delegation of Australian architects, engineers, code experts and wood suppliers are investigating building practices and innovation in Oregon and BC—two leaders in mass timber and mid-rise timber frame design and construction. Australia recently changed their building code to allow wood-frame construction up to eight stories and the tour represents a unique opportunity to learn while sharing their challenges and opportunities.

Last week the tour visited sixteen buildings in Portland and Vancouver including the 85-foot tall Carbon 12 timber-framed residential project—the tallest wood building in America—and the 18 storey Brock Commons mass timber residence—the tallest wood building in the world. This week the delegation is in the BC Interior touring the StructureLam CLT plant before returning to



the BC Coast for more tours and an in-depth discussion with BC fire, building and building code experts on July 25. The wrap up event is being hosted at FPIInnovations and the Centre for Advanced Wood Processing.

The tour is being led by Andrew Dunn, CEO of the Timber Development Association of Australia with support from Eileen Newbury, Marketing & Communications, Forest & Wood Products Australia and Kelly McCloskey, CEO of Wood N Frog Communications, Vancouver BC and Tree Frog Editor.

