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**Engineering Reports and Case Studies**

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# What are the purposes of engineering reports?

* to document detail of the construction process
* to ensure that the design brief has been followed
* to ensure that the outcomes have been achieved
* to document an accurate record of processes and material
* a reference for future work

1. **Who writes an engineering report?**

* the principal contributors to the project, with relevant input from team leaders, trades and industries
* also, external advice from local Council authorities, legal firms and financial professionals

1. **What are the key components of an engineering report?**

* introduction and purpose
* a summary of the processes and procedures carried out
* materials and equipment used
* safety measures undertaken
* an assessment of the functionality of the finished project
* conclusions and references

1. **Who is the audience for an engineering report?**

* the construction company executives
* legal firms in a case where some complaint or challenge is being brought from outside parties
* design specialists, financiers and members from relevant legal and engineering fields involved

1. **What data is collected for an engineering report?**

* local maps
* historical records
* financial statements
* design plans
* surveyors’ records
* council documents
* computer data
* safety issues

1. **How is data collected and displayed?**

* data is collected from numerous sources relating to the project eg. Libraries, government bodies, engineers’ reports, research papers
* data is displayed as written documents, digital files, photographic images, charts, exhibits

1. **Why is test data and the method of testing important?**

* Test data from various testing procedures is important, if not crucial, to the work of engineers. Should a test be used inaccurately or improperly, the data output cannot be considered valid. Injury, or even death, can result from the use of incorrect data.