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## ***Why the Florida International University Bridge Collapsed***

presented by Sean Brady

**Tuesday 13 July 2021 - 12:30 pm AEST**

In the early afternoon of 15 March 2018, a partially constructed pedestrian bridge at the Florida International University collapsed. It fell 5.6 m to the highway below and crushed or partially crushed 8 vehicles. Five vehicle occupants died, as well as one worker who was on the bridge at the time of the failure.

This is the story of how all the protections we erect as an engineering and construction profession can be eroded, ignored and dismissed - the story of what happens when we forget why these protections were put there in the first place.



Dr Sean Brady has acted as an expert witness in numerous proceedings involving a wide range of constructed facilities. He is a Chartered Professional Engineer, a Fellow of Engineers Australia, a director of the Society of Construction Law Australia and a member of the Singapore International Mediation Centre's Panel of Experts.

In 2020 he completed the Brady Review, an investigation into the causes of fatalities in the mining industry in Queensland, Australia. This review analysed 20 years of incident and fatality information, was data driven, and culminated in 11 recommendations for both industry and the regulator on how to lower the fatality and incident rate.

He also speaks, podcasts, and writes on the subjects of failure, human behaviour, data analytics and engineering disasters.

Hosted by Melissa Yeo, Chair of the SoCLA Communications Subcommittee and a Senior Associate at Ashurst.



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