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Builders Welcome State Code of Conduct

The Master Builders Association has come out in support of the State Government's Code of Conduct which was released today.

According to Master Builders Director, Michael McLean the WA Code of Conduct will complement similar reforms recently introduced at a federal level.

“As one of the top 3 employers of labour in WA and contributing about 10% to the state’s economy, the building and construction industry needs to operate at optimal performance levels”, Mr McLean said.

“Regrettably the Cole and Heydon Royal Commissions highlighted through many shocking examples of unlawful behaviour that the building industry is incapable of regulating itself”.

“As a major client for public sector construction projects, the state government is ideally placed to determine what is acceptable behaviour in order to render builders eligible for government construction contracts,” Mr McLean said.

“The Code of Conduct released today ties in industrial relations, safety and contractual performance as relevant criteria to be taken into account in order to win government work”.

“We see the Code of Conduct as a fluid document which should be subject to ongoing review and improvement in response to feedback from stakeholders,” Mr McLean said.

“It will be extremely important now for the appropriate government agencies to police non-compliance and implement effective sanctions as a deterrent to others”.

“Master Builders will be giving priority to educating our members on what the Code of Conduct says and what builders and contractors need to do to comply with it,” Mr McLean concluded.

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