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Land Agency Reforms Underway

Master Builders welcomes the State Government's announcement that Western Australia's two land development agencies, LandCorp and the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority (MRA), will be merged progressively over two years.

Minister for Transport, Planning and Lands the Hon. Rita Saffioti stated that the merger is part of the McGowan Government's ongoing bid to drive efficiencies and improve outcomes for land development and housing affordability.

The vision is that by creating one central agency for land development, the McGowan Government will reduce duplication and provide a more effective and professional organisation.

The new land development agency will also include the creation of the Industrial Lands Authority arm. The Authority is a McGowan Government election commitment aimed at removing barriers to investment and identifying new opportunities for industry innovation and expansion.

Master Builders Housing Director, Jason Robertson said establishing the Industrial Lands Authority will assist job-creating projects and bolster the WA economy.

"The building industry is the second largest employer in WA and stimulus for employment is of prime importance," Mr Robertson said.

"This is another welcome part of a major reform process for Government that will enable the creation of suburbs with greater housing choice and better public transport connectivity. This bodes well for addressing challenges of housing affordability, reducing red tape and fostering a healthier local economy."

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