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## **Builders Welcome Training Levy Change**

The Master Builders Association has welcomed the extension of the 0.2% Construction Training Fund (CTF) levy on engineering construction projects in the mining/resource sector.

“The removal of the long-standing exemption for resource sector engineering construction work announced by the Minister for Education and Training, is a great step forward in supporting training and skills in the building and construction industry” said MBAWA Executive Director John Gelavis.

“The Building and Construction Industry Training Fund is critical to supporting employers taking on apprentices, so the increased contribution will be very important in this process.”

“As the Western Australian building and construction industry recovers, we will need a highly skilled workforce, so this change will make a great difference.”

“The CTF has historically allocated about 65-70% of its funds to subsidize the employment of apprentices which has given thousands of young West Aussies an opportunity to work in the second largest industry in the state”.

“As a key stakeholder, Master Builders looks forward to working with all parties to ensure the effective use of all funds and congratulates the McGowan government on this long-awaited and important policy change”.

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