

Media Release

Builders welcome East Perth redevelopment

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Embattled builders have welcomed the State Government announcement today to include a \$30 million investment for the redevelopment of the East Perth Power Station in the 2019-20 State Budget.

Master Builders Executive Director John Gelavis said the association had been calling for greater levels of investment in the state both at a state and federal level, so major investments like this will create certainty, boost activity in the sector and create much needed jobs.

“The 103-year-old East Perth Power Station has not been in operation since 1981 and with the right investment commitment, planning, design and construction it could become another a wonderful iconic precinct for the state.

“Plans announced today by the Premier Mark McGowan will likely see future development celebrating the heritage of the former power station building, provide public access for the community and ensure there are social and cultural benefits for West Australians.

“All sectors of the building and construction industry reported a decline over the year including residential, civil and commercial, due to the economy moving through the production phase of the mining sector, softening in population growth and a tightening in national credit conditions.

“Master Builders congratulates Premier Mark McGowan for recently announcing increases in Keystart income limits, allocating significant investment in major development projects such as the East Perth Power Station and focusing on important infill projects supports the building industry and address the challenges we face.

“Master Builders look forward to more projects and announcements like these in the future and the passing through parliament of the important Infrastructure WA Bill 2019, which will provide certainty to the industry, create jobs for builders, subbies, suppliers, apprentices and the many associated with one of the state’s largest employers”.

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