

Media Release

WA Builders commend Government action

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Master Builders congratulates the State Government for supporting the implementation of the recommendations of the Shergold-Weir report to provide confidence and certainty to the industry and all participants in the building supply chain.

"Master Builders Australia and other peak bodies joined forces to call for action by the Federal Government along with state and territory governments, which has led to agreement at today's Building Ministers Forum (BMF) to support a nationally coordinated Australia-wide approach to implementing all the Shergold-Weir report recommendations.

"The outcomes agreed at today's BMF will see an expansion of responsibilities of the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB), greater industry representation on the ABCB board, the establishment within the ABCB of a Building Confidence Report implementation team, which would involve secondments from industry and changes to the National Construction Code that take into account the Building Confidence Report recommendations.

"Master Builders commends all governments in putting politics aside for the good of the nation and will continue to lead the advocacy in the ongoing reforms.

"Our local industry is one of the largest providers of full-time jobs in the state, employing around 119,000 people. The WA building and construction sector encompasses more than 40,000 small businesses and is responsible for around 10 per cent of full-time employment, so we are pleased the WA State Government has provided its support today.

"Master Builders Western Australia continue to have constructive discussions with the State Government and look forward to progressing these recommendations and resolving these extremely important industry matters.

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