

Media Release

Builders support planning reforms

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The new strategy to improve WA's planning system announced by the State Government today has been praised by the building industry.

Master Builders Housing Director Jason Robertson said the Planning Reform Action Plan would simplify and modernise the system, cutting the delays which bedevil housing applications.

"Master Builders has long promoted comprehensive changes in the planning system, including reducing red tape and introducing measures to reduce timeframes for development applications," he said.

"Reforms in our planning system were vital and long overdue.

"The delays in planning approval processes are untenable and have a big impact on one of the biggest employment sectors in Western Australia.

"A targeted reduction in approval timeframes for low risk planning proposals will greatly improve the applications process. These announcements have been warmly received by the building and construction industry.

"The 19 initiatives described in the action plan will lead to stronger economic development for Western Australia and ultimately the best possible outcomes for urban amenity and sustainable, liveable neighbourhoods across the state."

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