

Media Release

Construction work continues across the state

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The State Government announcement that the construction industry will continue to operate despite intrastate travel restrictions is the declaration of support Master Builders has been seeking.

“Coronavirus is a health crisis first but an economic one second. Master Builders thanks Premier Mark McGowan for giving the building and construction industry the clarification it needs to continue,” executive director John Gelavis said.

“Master Builders has been communicating with members to assist them with the requirements around physical distancing and hygiene on site. We have established a COVID-19 website with tools and guidelines on adopting these measures.

“We are pleased to say members have embraced these requirements and are applying them across building sites in Western Australia.

“The exemption from intrastate travel restrictions makes it all the more vital for construction workers to maintain good practices.

“Care for our community comes first in these uncertain times but keeping people in jobs and small businesses going is also important.

“It is vital for all levels of government to work together with industry to minimise the health and economic impacts of COVID-19. The building industry is one of the state’s major employers and drivers of economic activity, so it is essential we maintain continuity.

“We have the largest small business sector in the state – covering 40,000 of the state’s 220,000 small businesses – and we also employ more than 40 per cent of WA’s apprentices. All this puts us in a position to make an economic difference.

“It is critical that the building and construction industry remain operational to assist in maintaining important small business, sole traders and employment as well as leading the economic recovery to rebuild Western Australia.”

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