

Media Release

New approach clears path for government work

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Changes to procurement regimes for construction projects overseen by the WA Government are welcomed in as part of a push to modernise procurement processes for goods, services and works.

Master Builders WA executive director John Gelavis congratulated Finance Minister Ben Wyatt on his resolve to cut red tape by introducing the Procurement Bill 2020 to Parliament and following up with the release of new guiding principles for managing government building projects.

“Builders look forward to simplified and consistent government paperwork requirements and processes to improve tendering for government projects,” he said.

“Master Builders WA is consulting directly with the Department of Finance on the procurement framework and the policies and practices being developed under the new legislation to improve consistency and access to government work.”

Master Builders WA also welcomes the Department of Finance’s leadership in adopting guiding principles for managing building and construction projects during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The release of the Department’s 10 broad guiding principles follows Master Builders’ advocacy regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the construction industry,” Mr Gelavis said.

“At a meeting on March 23, we discussed the importance of the government agencies taking a consistent and reasonable approach and we are happy our feedback has been taken on board.

“We congratulate Finance Minister Ben Wyatt for his leadership in dealing with outdated practices and clearing red tape which is holding important projects back.

“Removing the shackles of unnecessarily awkward rules and processes will help the building industry lead the way to economic recovery for Western Australia.”

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