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Builders keen to get to work on WA Recovery Plan

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The WA Recovery Plan is a confidence boost for the building industry and will help to keep tradies and apprentices employed.

Master Builders WA executive director John Gelavis said the \$5.5 billion plan ticked a lot of boxes for revitalising the economy.

“Powering up government maintenance work is a great move to underpin confidence in the construction industry,” Mr Gelavis said.

“Since March, Master Builders has been asking the WA Government to fast-track social and transport infrastructure spending to keep projects going, continue the release of new ones and give the industry assurance on the pipeline of work.

“Without the promise of continuing work, many builders would not feel able to keep employees and apprentices on.

“It’s encouraging to see the WA Government acting on the suggestions of industry groups such as ours and the State Recovery Advisory Group, which includes Master Builders.

“We look forward to seeing small businesses benefit from upgrades to train stations, police stations and fire and rescue services across the state.

“When rebuilding an economy, it’s a good idea to start with bricks and concrete. Construction gets money into the economy quickly, is a lifeline for builders, keeps tradies in work and creates opportunities for apprentices. Cashflow is maintained for a huge range of businesses through a long supply chain which includes manufacturers, suppliers and delivery services all the way through to the local deli.

“Just seeing bulldozers on construction sites and hearing power tools makes a difference. They may not be everyone’s favourite sights and sounds but there’s nothing like them for giving a sense of activity and progress.

“This is just what we need to help the economy rise back out of recession and into growth.”

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