

Premier boots builder boost goal in grand final week

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Premier Mark McGowan’s announcement today to extend the construction period for the highly successful Building Bonus stimulus by six months has not only kicked a goal but delivered a best on ground performance in AFL grand final week for all West Australians.

Master Builders WA executive director John Gelavis said the announcement today was critically important because the \$24billion building and construction industry is about to enter one of its busiest periods due to the massive \$27.1billion infrastructure and capital works program announced at the State Budget and the spike in home building work commencing in the next few months.

“This extension will ease pressure on the construction timeframe, which will allow the industry to build the highest quality homes in the safest possible way,” Mr Gelavis said.

“After we pitched the idea to government in March this year, we were delighted to see how successful the Building Bonus program became in creating a pipeline of work for the industry. However, our members raised concerns around safety and the availability of subbies due to the tight timeframe, so we are glad the Premier has listened to our calls for an extension and acted.

“The housing industry in WA has declined more than 60 per cent since 2014 to disastrous levels and it was too important to the state economy to be allowed to collapse under the weight of the COVID-19 pandemic. This package has rescued many businesses such as mum and dad builders, large builders, subbies, manufacturers, suppliers and apprentices and will keep thousands of people in work and thousands of West Australian families financially secure.

“We now have a need for speed from many of the support agencies to make this truly successful, including local governments to ensure building and planning approvals, land titling and finance applications are dealt with quickly.

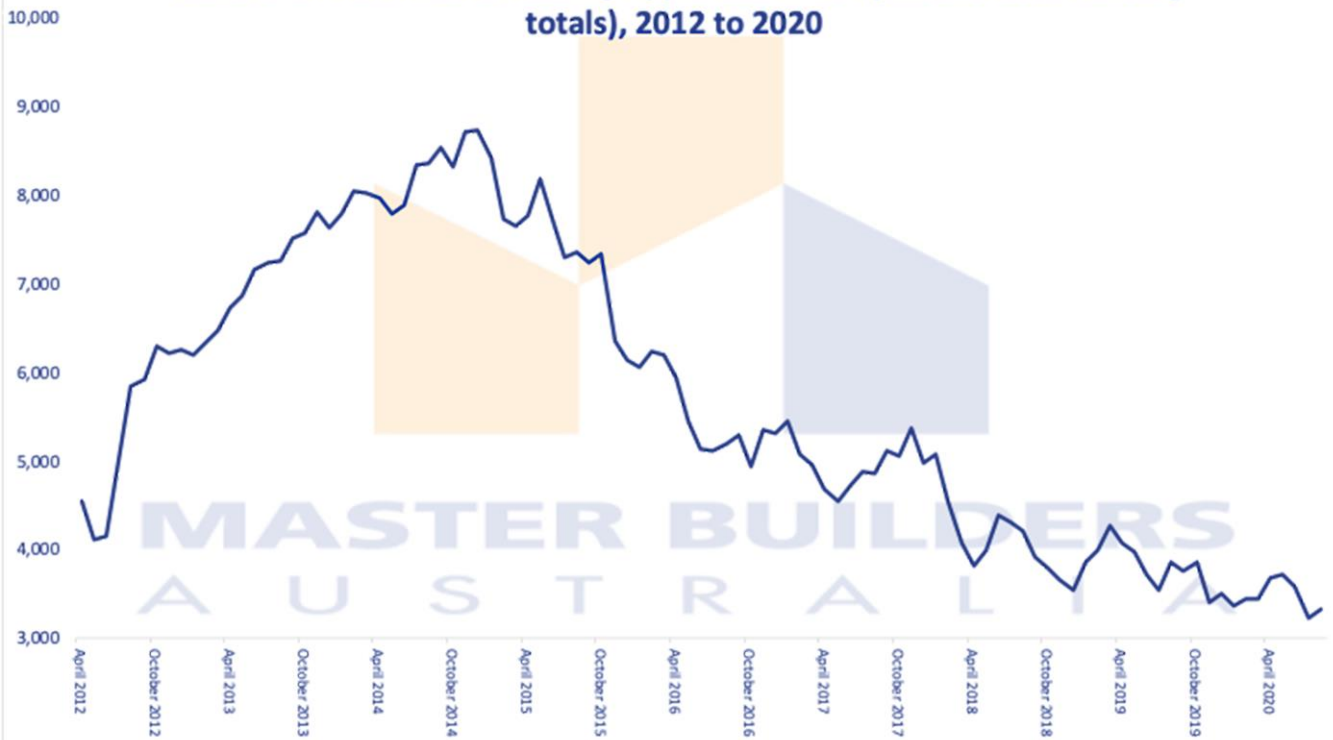
“The State Government has really backed the West Australian building and construction industry to not only remain operational but be a key driver in rebuilding the economy and creating economic activity for the state.

“A strong building industry means a strong WA.”

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Number of New Home Building Approvals in WA (three month running totals), 2012 to 2020



Source: Master Builders Australia analysis of ABS Building Approvals (8731.0)