

Media Release

WA Builders cheer HomeBuilder extension

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Master Builders WA welcomed the announcement today of the extension of the HomeBuilder construction deadline.

Housing Minister Michael Sukkar and Treasurer Josh Frydenberg announced today an extension of the construction commencement deadline under the HomeBuilder program and now all HomeBuilder applicants will have 18 months to commence construction from the date the contract was signed.

John Gelavis, Master Builders Executive Director said “Thousands of West Australians can now be sure that they will receive HomeBuilder grants with the Federal Government’s extension of the construction start date.”

“The scale of the HomeBuilder success was significant with, 17,752 West Australians applying for the scheme. When combined with the WA Building Bonus, this has created unprecedented demand throughout the residential building industry and impacted the entire building and construction sector leading to builders being hit with trade shortages, time delays, cost increases in building products.”

“This massive demand created the risk that thousands of HomeBuilder applicants could miss out on the grants because builders could not meet the construction start date requirements.”

“Thanks to this move by the Federal Government, thousands of HomeBuilder applicants in WA and around the nation can now breathe a huge sigh of relief.”

“This will help WA builders and tradies maximise and manage the extraordinary success of HomeBuilder and the WA Building Bonus, which had its construction timeframe extended last year.”

“Thanks to HomeBuilder those businesses and jobs were saved. It’s been one of the most effective government interventions ever” John Gelavis concluded

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