

Media Release

Builders applaud decision to increase Pine log quota

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“Master Builders WA applauds the State Government and Forestry Minister Dave Kelly for supporting the WA Building and Construction industry, by increasing the log quota of pine which will supply an additional 12,000 tonnes to industry”, said John Gelavis, Executive Director of Master Builders WA.

“Master Builders surveyed its members in June 2021, and 90 percent of members confirmed they were experiencing timber supply issues, which was up 22 percent from a previous survey done in March, driven by global pine supply challenges and unprecedented demand in the industry.”

“Based on this information, Master Builders held several meetings with the State Government, Minister Dave Kelly, local sawmiller Wespine and led an advocacy campaign highlighting the need to increase the log quota, so we are pleased the State Government has listened and supported the industry with today’s announcement.”

“Time is now of the essence, so we are encouraging the Forest Products Commission to fast-track deliveries of the additional logs to Wespine for immediate processing and supply to the industry, which will support consumers, builders, carpenters, tradies, suppliers, apprentices and workers who rely on the urgent supply of pine.”

“Builders around the state have been desperate for structural pine and timber suppliers have had long standing backorders through Wespine, which will now be fulfilled on their current price list as a priority.”

“Master Builders expects other industry sectors to also benefit, as the log use will create an increase in supply of non-structural pine for furniture and residual timber for use in particleboard supporting local trades such as cabinet making and kitchen manufacturing.”

“We congratulate the McGowan Government for the \$350 million investment in expanding WA’s future softwood resource and their commitment to work with industry to find solutions to the short-term challenges, which will support local jobs and assist the building industry lead the state’s economic recovery,” concluded Mr Gelavis.

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