

# Media Release

## Landmark Reforms to Construction Procurement and Contracts Announced

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The Cook Labor Government announced today major reforms to its Procurement Model and Process and Contract Format rationalisation for the Construction Sector.

“These are industry led reforms with the Cook government today supporting 13 of the 18 recommendations put to them through the joint working group between Master Builders WA and the Department of Finance,” said MBAWA CEO Matthew Pollock.

“These landmark reforms are the most important in decades and have been made possible through the productive dialogue between government and industry.

“These reforms will fundamentally change the way government does business with industry and will improve the relationship between government as the largest developer and principal and head contractors on major construction projects.

“Central to these changes are provisions that provide a fairer and better structured model which apportions contract risk more fairly between parties.

“Commencing in 2024, seven key reforms will be implemented, with six further reform measures to begin implementation in 2025.

“Recent years have seen the pendulum of risk swing away from a fair and balanced arrangement between the principal and head contractor.

“The reforms announced today will help improve outcomes through procurement and contracting frameworks on government projects.

“The reforms will give head contractors greater confidence and improvement participation in government tenders.

“Importantly, the government has committed today to consult with MBAWA in the development of best practice principles and enhance the Department of Finance pre-certification scheme through the second and third stages of these reforms,” Mr Pollock concluded.

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