

WA's housing target slipping further out of reach

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The latest forecasts from Master Builders Australia show the National Housing Accord is slipping further off track, with no state or territory currently on pace to meet its housing targets.

The housing shortfall across Australia has worsened since April.

Although the new home building market in Western Australia performed strongly in 2024-25, it still fell 3,600 homes short of the output needed to meet the state's Accord commitment.

Master Builders WA CEO Matt Moran said the figures highlight the mounting pressure on the building and construction industry.

"Every day the Accord's goal of 129,700 new homes for WA looks less achievable," Mr Moran said.

"To stay on track, WA must lift average output from 25,940 to 26,840 homes per year over the next four years. Without urgent action, both state and national targets will be missed."

Mr Moran said systemic barriers are stalling projects across Australia and governments must boost supply by fast-tracking approvals.

"Projects are being delayed by rising costs, low productivity and long build times. Unless governments act now to cut red tape and streamline planning, we simply won't deliver the 1.2 million homes promised nationally."

"Attracting, training and retaining workers across trades and professions is also critical. Despite employment in the construction sector being near record highs, productivity has dropped 18 per cent in the past decade."

Mr Moran said tackling the housing crisis demands a coordinated approach.

"This challenge cannot be solved in isolation. It requires cooperation at every level of government - federal, state and local - to remove the barriers that are preventing us from building the homes Australians need."

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