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## **More needs to be done to prevent the Emporium blockade happening again**

Master Builders has welcomed the CFMEU's belated decision to abide by the law, but called for a review of national laws to prevent similar situations arising again.

"For three weeks, Victoria's building industry has been held to ransom by the CFMEU's illegal blockade," said Deputy Executive Director, Radley de Silva.

"Ignoring the rule of law is intolerable, but at least the CFMEU has finally come to its senses and bowed to sustained community pressure."

The CFMEU's ability to disregard the law without fear of penalties illustrates the urgent need to reform national workplace laws in the building industry.

"The union's actions have cost the industry and our community millions of dollars," Mr de Silva said.

"National action is required urgently to prevent this type of unlawful activity from crippling building projects.

"Without action, Victorians may be subjected to the CFMEU imposing cost blow outs and delays on current and future major infrastructure projects.

"Projects such as the Comprehensive Cancer Centre, school upgrades and transport projects like the Melbourne Metro rail line and East West tunnel are all under threat if the Federal Government does not act now."

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