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## **Master Builders welcomes statewide inquiry into building and construction industry**

Master Builders has welcomed a statewide Construction Code Compliance Unit (CCCU) inquiry into organised crime and corruption in the building and construction industry.

Executive Director Brian Welch said that the State Government and CCCU Director Nigel Hadgkiss would have the full support of Master Builders in conducting the inquiry. Master Builders urges members who have information on illegal activity or standover tactics to report these incidents to the CCCU.

“If we don’t act now to try and prevent illegal action in our building industry, how many more major projects are going to be under threat?” Mr Welch asked.

“Construction projects and jobs are on the line if the unions continue to hold our industry to ransom.

“We welcome the Victorian Government’s strong moves to have the law upheld following the CFMEU’s illegal blockades and protect our state’s economy. We urge the Federal Government to do the same.

The Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union’s (CFMEU) ability to disregard the law without fear of penalties illustrates the urgent need for government action.

“The union’s illegal activities have cost the industry and our community millions of dollars,” Mr Welch said.

“Action is required urgently to prevent this type of unlawful activity from crippling building projects. The CCCU inquiry will subsequently protect jobs and investment in our industry.

“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 such as the Melbourne Metro rail line and East West tunnel are all under threat.”

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