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Focus on jobs and investment a must for new Victorian Cabinet

Master Builders has welcomed moves by new Premier Denis Naphine to put the economy at the front and centre of his vision for Victoria.

“Premier Naphine’s reshuffle shows his determination to build on Victoria’s strong financial position so we can invest the proceeds into future major construction projects,” said Executive Director Brian Welch.

“Having Deputy Premier Peter Ryan focus on economic issues will ensure that creating jobs and stimulating investment are at the heart of the government’s agenda.

“Mr Ryan has been fundamental in establishing the \$1 billion regional growth fund and is passionate about ensuring all parts of Victoria have the infrastructure they need to thrive.”

More than 250,000 Victorians work in the building and construction industry, which is the second-largest provider of full-time jobs across the state.

“Since Dr Naphine’s elevation, we have already seen progress on projects that will provide long-term benefits for our industry, from the Webb Dock redevelopment to proposed rail lines for Melbourne Airport and Doncaster,” said Mr Welch.

“These city-shaping projects will provide enormous long term benefits for all Victorians as well as supporting jobs and investment in our industry.

“We have to find new, innovative ways to fund the infrastructure projects of the future to ensure Victoria remains one of the world’s leading liveable communities.

“The reality is that asset sales may hold the key to helping secure our state’s future and we support the government’s moves to start a sensible public dialogue on this matter.”

Mr Welch welcomed the focus of incoming Treasurer Michael O’Brien on removing inefficient taxes.

“Building businesses will benefit from moves to cut both red and green tape, which threatens to strangle the productivity of our industry,” he said.

“We look forward to working with Dr Naphine, Mr Ryan and their team to secure a strong future for our industry.”

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