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Master Builders welcomes ‘one stop shop’ for domestic building

Today’s release of the Victorian Domestic Building Consumer Protection Reform Strategy has been welcomed by Master Builders as a step in the right direction for domestic building regulation.

Master Builders Executive Director, Brian Welch congratulated the State Government on the release of the strategy which flags a ‘one-stop-shop’ for building practitioner regulation and domestic building consumer protection.

“The new system will be fairer on consumers and those building practitioners who are doing the right thing,” Mr Welch said.

Among the key elements of the reforms are:

- Inspectors to make on-site inspections and give rulings on disputes.
- Better and more accessible insurance cover.
- Improved builder registration standards, oversights and discipline of non performing builders.

“A new building regulator has the capacity to restore the public’s faith in the building system which is particularly important at a time when investment and activity in the industry is down.

“We commend this system that deals with disputes efficiently within one jurisdiction to avoid ‘jurisdiction hopping’ slowing the process down.

“We would also like to see all people with trade qualifications recognised to arrest the skill base decline in our industry.

“Master Builders supports these reforms and looks forward to working with a stronger and more effective regulator.”

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