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## **Attorney-General launches Master Builders bullying awareness and prevention course**

Master Builders today launched a bullying awareness and prevention course at the state-of-the-art Building Leadership Simulation Centre (BLSC).

Attorney-General, The Hon. Robert Clark MP, launched the innovative *Awareness and Prevention of Workplace Bullying* course, which seeks to tackle the important issue of workplace bullying through the use of revolutionary simulation training.

Specialist actors provided a demonstration of the course scenarios during this exclusive launch at the world class BLSC.

“The *Awareness and Prevention of Workplace Bullying* course aims to raise knowledge in our sector of both the impacts of bullying and how it can be mitigated and managed,” CEO Radley de Silva said.

“The building and construction industry is Victoria’s second largest provider of full time jobs, making it an important sector to focus on the issue of bullying.

“Bullying is an issue that impacts the whole community and it will take the whole community to tackle it.

“Everyone has a role to play in tackling this problem – employers, employees, government and the public. We have to work together.”

Government reforms such as ‘Brodie’s Law’ and new national requirements starting in January have put workplace bullying in sharp focus. Places in the new course at the world-class simulation training centre have already been filled, prompting the need for further courses.

“We want our course to help stamp out workplace bullying in our sector,” Mr de Silva said.

“It’s not good enough to just look the other way or point the finger at someone else. Managing bullying is a shared community responsibility that has profound impact on its victims and this course will go some way towards solving that.”

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