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Red tape cuts to support building businesses across Victoria

Master Builders has strongly welcomed cuts to red tape that will help reduce costs for Victorian builders and their clients.

Deputy Premier Peter Ryan and Treasurer Michael O'Brien have unveiled a raft of red tape reforms, which has been applauded by Master Builders Association of Victoria CEO, Radley de Silva.

"These reforms will save our industry millions of dollars and countless hours of unnecessary paperwork," said Mr de Silva.

"Builders will now have more time to build quality homes, workplaces and infrastructure for Victorians instead of wasting time filling in never-ending bureaucratic paperwork.

"Master Builders commends the State Government for acting to support jobs, drive investment and boost productivity in our sector by cutting unnecessary red tape."

Reforms announced that will benefit the building industry include:

- Removing unnecessary mandatory commercial building defects insurance requirements, bringing Victoria into line with all other states;
- Ensuring building requirements for wall heights meet today's best building practices;
- Providing a faster, more cost-effective domestic building consumer disputes process;
- Opening up the construction of metal roofs, ending the monopoly plumbers alone have on this work;
- Reforming prequalification requirements and contracts for companies delivering construction work funded by taxpayers, so they are more consistent across government departments and local councils; and
- Modernising WorkSafe forms so builders can access them online, print them and save information for use in other forms.

"This sensible package will help slash costs and delays in building projects and support housing affordability while upholding rigorous standards for site safety and building quality," Mr de Silva said.

The full list of the State Government's red tape reforms can be found [here](#).

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