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## **Master Builders Congratulates Retiring Industry Hero**

The Master Builders Association of Victoria congratulates outgoing Australian Building Construction Commissioner John Lloyd on five years of dedicated service policing the building and construction industry.

Since the ABCC's inception in October 2005, Mr Lloyd and his team have overseen a dramatic improvement in industry productivity, profitability, industrial disputation, construction costs and overall law and order.

Master Builders Executive Director Brian Welch said Mr Lloyd had been instrumental in creating a golden era in the building and construction industry and builders would be extremely sad to see him depart.

In its five years of operation under John Lloyd, the ABCC has delivered a golden era to the building industry:

- In September 1996, working days lost per 1000 employees due to IR disputes was 263.9 days;
- By June 2010, working days lost per 1000 employees due to IR disputes collapsed to 24 days;
- Construction industry productivity has increased by between 6.2 and 13.6 per cent (in real terms);
- Illegal behaviour and activity have been reduced - Law and order has been restored on building sites;
- The ABCC has successfully prosecuted dozens of employers and unions for unlawful behaviour; and,
- Real wages for building industry workers have risen by over 30% from 2005 to March 2011.

"Victoria's building and construction last year attracted around \$30 billion of investment and provided jobs for 185,000 workers," Mr Welch said.

"During Mr Lloyd's time as Commissioner, 62 per cent of finalised prosecuted cases originated in Victoria. This important policing role has brought major economic benefits to the Victorian community through increased productivity and lower construction costs," he said.

"Schools, hospitals and transport infrastructure right across Victoria have been made more affordable thanks to the ABCC's actions, and subsequently State Governments' capital works dollars have been used more efficiently."

Since 2005, the ABCC has extracted fines totaling \$3.5 million from the building unions, with some \$1.8m of those being worn by the CFMEU, and instructively, more than \$2.3m of those fines have been generated in Victoria.

"Master Builders strongly supports the retention of the ABCC in its current form with its existing powers, structure and funding intact," said Mr Welch.

"We look forward to the appointment of a competent and committed successor to Mr Lloyd as soon as possible."

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