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Keep the ABCC say Victorian builders

Victoria's commercial builders have told the Master Builders they want the Australian Building and Construction Commission to remain fully functional.

The December quarter results of the Master Builders *Building Trends* revealed that 91 per cent of commercial builders believe the current ABCC powers and functions should be retained by any successor organisation.

A further 56 per cent said the removal of the ABCC would create a decrease in their business' profitability. Another 57 per cent said it would decrease workplace harmony and 41 per cent expected increase unauthorized entry by union officials on site.

"The Master Builders want to see the ABCC retained with all its current powers and functions," said Executive Director Brian Welch.

"Without this strong cop on the beat we will see a return to the bad old days of workplace thuggery and declining profitability," he said.

"In our latest survey, 75 per cent of respondents said they did not believe the Federal Government's proposed alternative to the ABCC, the Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate, will regulate the building industry effectively.

"Another 74 per cent said they expected industrial unrest in the industry to increase over the next six months – this is a grim outlook.

"Industrial unrest causes our industry thousands of dollars each year and the Federal Government must protect the interests of law abiding taxpayers by retaining the ABCC in its current form to prevent further decline."

FAST FACTS

- 75 per cent of commercial builders do not believe the Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate, will regulate the building industry effectively.
- 91 per cent of commercial builders believe the current ABCC powers and functions should be retained by any successor organization.
- 74 per cent said they expected industrial unrest in the industry to increase over the next six months.
- 56 per cent said the removal of the ABCC would create a decrease in their business' profitability.
- 57 per cent said the removal of the ABCC would decrease workplace harmony.
- 41 per cent expected increase unauthorized entry by union officials on site if the ABCC were removed.

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