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## **State Opposition puts union mates ahead of Victorian construction jobs**

Today's announcement by Opposition Leader Daniel Andrews to change the state's construction site industrial relations regime could jeopardise Victorian jobs and investment, according to Master Builders.

Mr Andrews today committed to abolishing the state's Construction Code Compliance Unit, which governs the way construction companies deliver projects, if he wins office.

Master Builders Executive Director Brian Welch questioned Labor's position.

"Allowing unions to run rampant over Victorian construction sites will only detract from the state's ability to have major projects delivered on time and on budget," Mr Welch said.

"Victorians deserve to see investment in major road and rail projects, new schools and better hospitals, but our industry will be hampered in building this much-needed infrastructure if Mr Andrews and his union mates get their way.

"What is the Opposition Leader more interested in? Standing up for Victorian jobs or serving the Trades Hall Council's sectional interests?"

The construction industry is the second-largest provider of full-time jobs in Victoria, but in the face of weakening demand and slowing global economic conditions it has seen the loss of nearly 28,000 jobs in recent months.

"The Construction Code Compliance Unit will ensure the rule of law applies on our worksites," said Mr Welch.

"It will provide a strong cop on the beat and unions have nothing to fear unless they intend to break the law.

"Restoring a healthy balance in our industrial relations system is necessary if we are going to generate investment, create opportunities and boost jobs in our state's construction industry.

"Without this unit, Victorian taxpayers will be forced to pay for more major project cost blowouts like we have seen recently at the West Gate Bridge and Melbourne Markets relocation project in Epping."

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