

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE & RESILIENT FUTURE: Building and Construction Industry Sustainability Goals 2050

Second Annual Report – December 2025

In 2023, Master Builders Australia committed to developing policies, partnerships, and strategies to future-proof the building and construction industry. This commitment is made through a sustainable change management plan, which embeds an Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) framework to underpin the [Sustainability Goals for 2050](#).

In December 2025, we reported on the outcomes of the second year of the first 3-year plan.



ENVIRONMENT

Participation in the Treasury Housing Accord Working Group with focus on modern methods of construction & the supply chain

Advocating for the NCC to be easier to implement the energy efficiency requirements, without perverse outcomes, leading to a review of NCC

Membership of the Building Products Coalition for product information and traceability critical for further work on embedded carbon targets

Active participation with the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council

Gained support of Standards Australia that standards referenced in the NCC should be freely accessible to enable more effective compliance

Participation in Standards Australia Committees to develop our standards in vulnerable areas such as water proofing and bushfires

Advocacy of innovation and sustainability of the built environment to facilitate Government support for key programs



SOCIAL

Active support of the Office of the Federal Safety Commission including securing funding to promote accreditation to home builders

Member of the National Construction Industry Forum that is considering a range of matters to improve the industry including fairer and safer workplaces, greater female participation and mental health aspects

Secured funding for a 4 year Building Women's Careers program

Working with the CFMEU Administrator to find common ground in more flexible workplace arrangements including working hours to enable more women to work in the industry

Support of specific mental health services to the industry along with forging a relationship with Lifeline



GOVERNANCE

Member of the National Construction Industry Forum that is looking to develop an industry charter along with a review of procurement practices and contract arrangements

Release of digital building and construction contracts via the Paid inc platform

Identified to Government the myriad of productivity barriers to the industry through productivity commission reviews along with establishing an internal productivity working group

Internal engagement with Member Associations to establish policy statements on government procurement, unfair contracting and security of payment