



Builders Oppose Proposed Jobs Framework and Supplier Code

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Master Builders Australia has outlined its serious concerns with the proposed Secure Australian Jobs Framework and amendments to the Commonwealth Supplier Code of Conduct in its submission to the current consultation process.

Master Builders opposes the draft Framework and Code. Despite the Federal Government's stated intent to exempt the building and construction industry from these new workplace and procurement requirements, the proposed approach risks ensnaring the sector and creating significant uncertainty.

Master Builders is calling for the Federal Government to legislate to exclude building and construction work from the Framework and the Code to ensure the Government's stated intent is reflected in law and consistently applied.

Master Builders CEO, Denita Wawn, expressed the industry's concern with the Framework and Code.

"The Federal Government's stated intent for a carve out of the building and construction industry from the Framework needs to be unequivocally reflected in legislation and all related materials. Anything less is leaving the door open to uncertainty and confusion particularly when the Government has committed to, and is consulting on, a set of standards to apply to federally funded building and construction work.

"To progress down the path proposed could leave the industry having to comply with multiple, overlapping procurement requirements. This would be yet another blow to the builders and tradies already reeling from the federal budget tax hikes, rising interest rates and inflation.

"The exemption for the construction sector must be in black and white, and in law" Ms Wawn said.

The submission is available [online](#).

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