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Master Builders ACT Chief Executive to Take Up Leadership Role with Master Builders Queensland

The Master Builders ACT Executive Committee would like to announce the resignation of Chief Executive Officer, Michael Hopkins.

Mr Hopkins has worked at Master Builders ACT for nine years and has served as our CEO for close to seven years. From early July he will be transitioning to a new leadership role with Master Builders Queensland.

The Master Builders ACT Executive Committee has commenced a national recruitment process to select a new CEO to lead the Association.

Until a permanent Chief Executive is recruited, the Association's Finance Director, Ziad Zakhout, will become acting CEO.

Michael's achievements during his tenure as CEO include:

- Continuing the Association's advocacy for improved building quality which will serve all Canberrans.
- Leading our industry through the COVID pandemic and the resulting workforce shortages, supply chain disruptions and economic impacts, a challenge that continues today.
- Helping to raise more than \$2 million for local charities through three MBA Charity House projects.
- Significantly expanding our training organisation and apprentice program, including the establishment of dedicated women in construction programs.
- Positioning the Association as a leading voice to support the Territory's energy transition towards a sustainable built environment.

Quotes attributable to Master Builders ACT President Frank Porreca:

"The Executive Committee of Master Builders ACT is immensely proud of the achievements our organisation has made for our industry under Michael's leadership."

"Michael commenced his role as CEO in 2017 and immediately set the organisation on a path for growth by expanding our service delivery for members and significantly growing our registered training organisation."

"We are excited that he will be remaining in the Master Builders family, taking up a leadership role with Master Builders Queensland so he can continue to support the interests of the building and construction industry."

Quotes attributable to Master Builders ACT CEO Michael Hopkins:

“It has been an absolute privilege to serve Master Builders ACT for the past nine years and lead our industry through some of the most turbulent times for our industry in a generation.”

“I would like to thank the Presidents and Boards that I have served under, all of our members who generously give their time to help our industry, and our staff who are dedicated to helping our members run safe, successful, and productive building businesses.”

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