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Builders welcome infrastructure commitment, stand ready to build

The ACT building and construction industry has welcomed today's announcement regarding proposed joint funding from the ACT and Federal Governments for a new Canberra Aquatic Centre and Convention and Entertainment Precinct, ahead of the ACT Budget 2025–26.

Master Builders ACT Chief Executive Officer Anna Neelagama said that the local industry stands ready to deliver on these projects.

"This investment in growing our city's cultural infrastructure is very welcome. These projects will be a great addition to the development of the ACT and region as a tourism, sporting and business destination."

"Master Builders ACT has long been calling for greater investment in the infrastructure pipeline for the ACT. Investment in these types of projects is essential to building the services and facilities to support the needs of Canberrans and enrich life in our city."

"We encourage the ACT Government to start thinking about how the procurement and the delivery of these major projects can be structured so they can be delivered by Canberran businesses and workers."

"With the pipeline of public works down, the local sector has capacity to deliver with the right project design, and we look forward to working collaboratively with the ACT Government to achieve this to grow both local businesses and local jobs."

Read more about the Master Builders ACT priorities for investment in the ACT building and construction industry in our [Submission to the ACT Budget Consultation 2025-26](#).

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