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Master Builders ACT welcomes move to license construction trades

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Master Builders ACT has welcomed today's announcement from the ACT Government, who have released a draft consultation paper on the introduction of licensing for key construction trades.

The proposal identified six occupational trade areas: carpentry, concreting, bricklaying, waterproofing, roof plumbing and fire protection.

CEO of Master Builders ACT, Anna Neelagama, said the announcement represents significant progress on a long-standing industry priority.

'Trade contractor licensing has been a long-term priority for Master Builders ACT, and we are pleased to see the ACT Government bringing this reform forward,' Ms Neelagama said.

'Licensing key occupational trades is an important step toward strengthening quality, accountability and consumer confidence across the building and construction sector.'

The initiative aligns with Master Builders ACT's [2030 vision](#) to build a quality industry for our members and our region.

'This announcement helps drive forward our commitment to quality, which ensures the ACT construction industry continues to lift standards while growing a technically capable and highly skilled workforce.'

Master Builders ACT will work closely with the ACT Government through the consultation process to ensure the proposed framework is practical for industry and supports the many experienced tradespeople currently operating across the sector.

Master Builders ACT will be hosting a member consultation session on 18 March 2026 to gather direct feedback from industry on the proposed licensing framework.

'We encourage all members to participate in the consultation process and attend our upcoming session so we can ensure the industry's voice across residential builders, commercial builders, subcontractors and suppliers, civil and professionals are clearly represented,' Ms Neelagama said.

'Congratulations to the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development, and the ACT Government, for progressing this important reform.'

The paper can be accessed [here](#).

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