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Master Builders ACT: Kingston Quarter a welcome boost for homes, jobs and local construction

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Master Builders ACT has welcomed the ACT Government's announcement that land will be released for the Kingston Quarter, saying the project is an important opportunity to deliver more homes, support the next stage of the Kingston Arts Precinct and create work for Canberra's construction industry.

Master Builders ACT CEO Anna Neelagama said the announcement was a positive step for housing supply, urban renewal and local jobs.

'This is a significant project for Canberra. It will help bring more homes to a well-connected part of the city, support new commercial and hospitality activity, and contribute to the long-term success of the Kingston Arts Precinct,' Ms Neelagama said.

'Projects like the Kingston Quarter also matter because they create a pipeline of work for builders, subcontractors, suppliers and apprentices across the ACT construction industry.

'As the tender process moves forward, it will be important that local contractors have a genuine opportunity to compete for the work. Canberra has highly skilled builders and trades ready to help deliver high-quality housing and the infrastructure needed to support a vibrant mixed-use precinct.

'Ensuring local industry can participate fairly will help keep investment in the ACT economy, support local jobs and strengthen the capability of the construction sector.'

Master Builders ACT said that while it was disappointing to see the Kingston Arts Precinct delayed in this year's Budget, the release of land for the Kingston Quarter was a welcome display of confidence that the ACT Government still plans to deliver the project.

'The ACT needs more homes, more housing choice and more confidence in the delivery pipeline,' Ms Neelagama said.

'While we would have liked to see the broader Kingston Arts Precinct progress more quickly, the release of this land is a welcome signal that the Government remains committed to delivering the project. The next step is ensuring the procurement process supports strong competition, timely delivery and meaningful participation by local businesses.

'When local contractors are given the opportunity to compete, the benefits of projects like this are felt right across the Canberra economy.'

Master Builders ACT looks forward to working constructively with the ACT Government, the Suburban Land Agency and industry to support the successful delivery of the Kingston Quarter and the broader Kingston Arts Precinct.

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