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Master Builders ACT welcomes construction productivity reforms

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Master Builders ACT has today welcomed the passage of the Building and Construction Legislation Amendment Bill 2026, which delivers further reforms to improve productivity in the ACT construction industry and support the delivery of more homes across Canberra.

Master Builders ACT CEO Anna Neelgama said the reforms were a positive step for the Territory's building and construction industry.

'We support any practical changes that go towards improving productivity and getting more homes built, more quickly, as well as reducing regulatory burden on builders,' Ms Neelgama said.

'These are practical changes that will make a real difference on the ground. Allowing homes that are substantially complete to be finished under the original building approval avoids costly redesigns and delays.

'Any move to cut red tape is always welcome, and streamlining licence renewals removes an unnecessary administrative hassle for builders.

'The Certificate of Partial Completion is also a sensible measure towards enabling more homes to be delivered for Canberrans.'

Ms Neelgama said that while the reforms were welcome, more structural reform was needed to really move the needle on productivity.

'The ACT Government has made a commitment to enable the delivery of 30,000 new homes by 2030, and meeting that target will require ongoing and deeper reform,' Ms Neelgama said.

‘As we have consistently called for, cutting red tape and reducing the regulatory compliance burden and cost on builders must remain a serious priority.

‘Costs and timeframes in the construction industry continue to be driven up by overlapping and duplicative regulatory requirements, such as the “double licensing” required under Property Developer Licensing.

‘We will continue to work with the Government on further reforms flagged under the Construction Productivity Agenda.’

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