

# Media Release

## Construction Sites to continue through lockdown

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Today's announcement by the Premier to apply a 5 day lockdown in the Perth metropolitan area, Peel and the South-West regions is an important step to stop the spread of COVID-19.

"After discussions with the Premiers office and Master Builders, I am pleased to confirm building and construction sites will continue to operate through the WA state lockdown, however masks must be worn at all times and practice good hygiene and social distancing" said John Gelavis, Executive Director of Master Builders Association of WA.

"Additionally, any workers that have attended the named sites on the Health department website must be tested and not attend worksites unless a confirmed negative result has been confirmed."

"The \$20 billion building and construction industry is an essential service and industry, which is critical to jobs and the economic recovery of the state, so it makes sense to be able to maintain the industry, under the tight protocols established by the State Government."

"Over the last 10 months, the building and construction industry has proven we can operate under strict COVID-19 protocols. The industry has been focused on ensuring there are appropriate systems in place to manage both social distancing and hygiene practices. We are working very constructively with our members, to provide practical advice, compliance check lists and safety messages."

"We look forward to continuing to work with the State Government in conjunction with the advice from the WA Chief Health Officer to ensure the industry can continue to operate in the safest way possible for our industry and the WA community", concluded Mr Gelavis

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