

Media Release

Senate puts CFMEU into Administration

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Master Builders welcomes the passage of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Administration) Bill 2024* through the Senate overnight.

“This is welcomed news, with the passage of the Bill a very important first step to addressing the lawlessness and misconduct of the CFMEU.” said MBAWA CEO Matthew Pollock.

“We commend the federal government for listening to industry and including all branches of the CFMEU into the amended Bill which passed the Senate overnight.

“We thank the Government and Coalition for working in a bipartisan way to reach an agreement on a series of amendments while not delaying the Bill’s passage beyond this sitting period.

“Countless Royal Commissions and inquiries have told us that building and construction needs an industry-specific regulator and laws. These laws need to be applied consistently across all states.

“We know in WA that it is the threat of lawlessness across state lines that can have a coercive effect on contractors operating in WA. The power of the CFMEU extends across the country and in all capital cities.

“Permanent and lasting change requires long-term regulatory reform. The Federal Government must now move to establish a dedicated building and construction industry watchdog with real teeth.

“We commend the WA state government for taking steps to tighten the fit and proper persons test for state right of entry permit holders. Master Builders has been calling for this for many years.

“At a state level we also need to ensure that the administration process extends to state registered entities. This has already happened in NSW and QLD. The WA government needs to do the same.

“We continue to call for increased protections for businesses so they can come forward and provide evidence to the Fair Work Commission without fear of CFMEU retaliation, Mr Pollock said.

Master Builders released a landmark document – Breaking ‘*Building bad*’ with essential actions to drive the change.

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