

Joint Statement



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More Projects Like Huntingfield are Needed to Rebuild the Economy

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Up to 800 new homes will not be built in the next 12 months according to new economic modelling undertaken on the impact of COVID-19.

Master Builders Tasmania Executive Director, Matthew Pollock said: “the construction industry is facing a cliff in the months ahead as a fall in investors’ confidence is causing project to be postponed at an alarming rate. 3 in 4 builders have had at least 1 project postponed or cancelled since government lock down restriction have been in place.”

“We need support to fill the gap in the construction pipeline, to safeguard thousands of jobs and small businesses.”

“Projects like Huntingfield offer a way out of this, will help bring back confidence for consumers and businesses and hopefully turn the tide on the current wave of contract and tender cancellations or withdrawals.

“We need more projects like this to build our way out of this economic crisis.” Mr Pollock said

“Huntingfield is an opportunity boost jobs and provide a steady stream of work for businesses to take on apprentices and trainees. There is an opportunity here to take a project-based approach to skills development tied into Huntingfield and similar projects in the future.” Mr Pollock said.

Civil Constructors Federation CEO, Rachael Matheson said “The tendering process for infrastructure to support the Huntingfield development is due to commence in July. The Master



Plan is an example of how well-planned infrastructure can contribute in being a crucial element in supporting community developments.”

“Building infrastructure to support residential construction is a guaranteed way to drive the economic recovery, boost employment, housing supply and housing affordability.” Ms Matheson said.

“Infrastructure developments to build on will be a vital piece in the economic recovery plan and the Huntingfield Master Plan provides an example for future projects to follow. Tasmanians will benefit from projects like Huntingfield now and into the future” Ms Matheson said.

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