

Strong Building stronger economy



2022 FEDERAL ELECTION POLICY SCORECARD

MASTER BUILDERS POLICY COALITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone in the construction industry should play by the rules

• Ensure that the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) and its powers are kept in place and in no way watered down.

• Will keep the ABCC; and
• Have promised to increase the penalties for breaking laws under its remit.

• Pass laws to ensure that there is accountability and transparency in registered organisations and their related entities.

• Will keep Registered Organisations Commission (ROC).

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• Will abolish the ABCC and will not keep any industry specific industrial relations regulator.

• Will abolish the Registered Organisations Commission.

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Homeownership is within reach of everyone and there are enough new homes, high-quality rental stock, and social community housing

Increase levels of homeownership.

Super Home Buyer Scheme to use up to \$50,000 of super funds for first home buyers.

Expanding the Home Guarantee Scheme to make available up to 50,000 places each year for first home buyers to purchase new and existing homes.

Extend Indigenous Business Australia's Indigenous Home Ownership Program at a cost of \$7.7 million.

Help to Buy Scheme - 10,000 homes each year. Involves 40% government equity; applicants require a deposit of 2%; \$90k income for individuals and \$120k income for couples.

Support the Coalition Home Guarantee Scheme.



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Tax incentives for investors to upgrade their properties.	No announcements.	No announcements.	✗	✗
Increasing the supply of land for housing, and reduction in land development taxes.	Extension of downsizer super benefits to 55 years of age, from 65 that will free up more family homes.	Establish National Housing Supply Council. It will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set targets for land supply. • Collect national data. • Improve land use and supply. • Report on release of govt land, rental affordability and homelessness, and number of new social/affordable homes. • Include housing measures in City and Regional Deals. 	✓	✓✓
Increase the supply of social and community housing.	<p>An additional \$2 billion in low-cost financing for the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (NHFIC), to expand and support the provision of social and affordable homes for vulnerable Australians.</p> <p>The increase to the liability cap of NHFIC's Affordable Housing Bond Aggregator (AHBA) will support 27,500 dwellings.</p> <p>\$1.6 billion annually to states/territories from the Federal Government's National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) to improve housing and homelessness outcomes.</p> <p>The Agreement focuses on the housing needs of older Australians, women and children affected by family and domestic violence, children and young people, Indigenous Australians, the long-term homeless, and Australians exiting institutions and care into homelessness.</p>	<p>\$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund for 30,000 dwellings. It targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20,000 new social housing properties (4,000 for women) • 10,000 affordable homes for frontline workers. • \$200 million for the repair, maintenance, and improvements of housing in remote Indigenous communities. • \$100 million in crisis and transitional housing for women and children fleeing domestic and family violence, older women on low incomes who are at risk of homelessness, and • \$30 million to build housing and fund specialist services for veterans. 	✓✓	✓✓✓

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Increase domestic supply of building materials

Delivers incentives to improve sovereign capacity in product supply.

Transform Australia's manufacturing sector through its \$2.5 billion Modern Manufacturing Strategy.

\$219.3 million package to support investment in new technologies in Australia's forestry industry.

Changes to Commonwealth Procurement Rules to "enhance SME opportunities in major projects.

Coordinates with industry, states, and territories to facilitate greater investment in softwood plantations to meet long-term structural timber needs.

\$219.3 million package to support investment in new technologies in Australia's forestry industry. This includes:

- \$100 million for the establishment of an Australia-wide National Institute for Forestry Products Innovation.
- \$112.9 million will be provided to accelerate the adoption of new wood processing technologies.
- Extended funding of \$6.6 million will be provided for the 11 Regional Forestry Hubs.
- \$86.2 million Plantation Establishment Program was set up to help overcome the start-up costs related to new forestry plantations.
- \$4.4 million has also been earmarked for combatting the importation of illegal logging products to Australia.

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\$15 billion National Reconstruction Fund that will provide loans, guarantees and equity to support projects that create secure well-paid jobs, drive regional development, and invest in national sovereign capability, broadening and diversifying Australia's economy including, \$1 billion in advanced manufacturing.

\$220 million to expand the work of the National Institute for Forest Products and Innovation, continue the rollout of Regional Forestry Hubs to work with industry and State and local governments, and grants targeted at better utilisation of logs and fibre, value-adding and the industry continuing to reduce its carbon footprint.

Strategic Forest and Renewables Partnership, a tripartite partnership approach between industry stakeholders and Government.

Roundtable with the forestry sector, unions, and States/Territories to develop a Timber Fibre Strategy.

Continue rollout of Regional Forestry Hubs to work with industry and State and local governments.

\$220 million to expand the work of the National Institute for Forest Products and Innovation.

\$500 million from National Reconstruction Fund for agriculture, forestry, and fisheries from the National Reconstruction Fund.

\$10 million to support programs that deliver qualifications, competencies and other credentials which meet the specific training and accreditation needs of the forest, wood products, pulp and paper and fibre sectors.

Conduct an analysis of the national wood volume and the commercial opportunities from fire mitigation activities.

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Investment in a pipeline of infrastructure projects and ensure that the benefits to the economy and community are maximised

<p>Ensure the 10-year rolling pipeline of infrastructure work of at least \$100 billion.</p>	<p>10-year infrastructure investment pipeline will increase from \$110 billion to over \$120 billion, a new record. \$17.9 billion committed toward new and existing infrastructure projects.</p>	<p>\$500 million down payment for fast rail connections between Sydney, the Central Coast and Newcastle a reality by assigning top priority to this project for the new High-Speed Rail Authority.</p> <p>Transform City Deals into genuine City Partnerships – promoting genuine collaboration between the three levels of government, business and the community.</p> <p>Deliver a new National Urban Policy framework.</p>	<p>✓✓</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>Resource a federal government-maintained 'reserve list' of building and infrastructure projects that can be activated quickly in the event of sudden or severe downturns in private demand.</p>	<p>No announcements.</p>	<p>No announcements.</p>	<p>✗</p>	<p>✗</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement procurement reforms such as local participation, capability, and capacity requirements to ensure that local contractors and subcontractors have a fair opportunity to tender for work. 	<p>Will change Commonwealth Procurement Rules to “<i>enhance SME opportunities for involvement major projects</i>” and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require public servants to <u>break down major projects into smaller contract opportunities</u>, where unbundling would allow greater competition and is appropriate to the type of work on offer; Reduce the value of insurance costs that suppliers incur, to a reasonable level, and making it clear that, in most circumstances, insurance is not required until a contract is awarded; Provide faster cash flows through supply chains, by extending the ‘pay on time’ policy to all suppliers (i.e paying invoices within 5 days and other invoices within 20 days or pay interest); and Allow the Department of Defence to build local sovereign capabilities by <u>directly purchasing from SMEs</u>, or using tenders that are limited to SMEs, for procurements worth up to \$500,000. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will implement a “Secure Local Jobs Code” that takes account of local industry workforce; capability and capacity, particularly in regional Australia; and Will make sure that <u>small business receives its fair share</u> of government procurement, specifically by increasing the threshold under which agencies can directly engage small business from \$200k per project to half a million dollars per project. <p>Will also make sure small businesses are included <u>on government procurement panels</u>.</p> <p>BUT – Where secure local jobs codes are implemented in state jurisdictions, concerns have been expressed by small business members that the implementation of the code does little or even restricts further the accessibility of small business to government work.</p>	<p>✓✓</p>	<p>✓</p>

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Get more people into work and create more job opportunities.

<p>Greater support with the right policy frameworks to ensure the industry can deliver the construction activity is driving the recovery.</p>	<p>New skills agreement with States/Territories \$3.7 billion to support 800,000 new training positions.</p> <p>Drive reforms by increasing fee transparency, strengthening the role of industry, supporting higher quality training delivery, extending the scope, reach and effectiveness of foundation skills programs, and strengthening apprenticeships.</p>	<p>Establish Jobs and Skills Australia - an independent body bringing together businesses, governments, unions, and educators to match skills training with evolving industry demands and strengthen workforce planning.</p> <p>Fee Free TAFE program supporting 465,000 places (45,000 new). Minimum 70% of federal VET funding is allocated to TAFE.</p>	<p>✓✓</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>Financial incentives for employers to take on more apprentices will create more opportunities to forge rewarding careers and start-up businesses.</p>	<p>Extending Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements Program for 3 months (30 June 2022). Includes providing employers with a 50 per cent wage subsidy for taking on a new apprentice or trainee. \$5 billion commitment, expected to support 385,000 apprentices.</p> <p>Completing Apprenticeship Commencements program. Includes 10% wage subsidy in year 2 and 5% in year 3.</p> <p>\$2.8 billion in additional incentives to train next-generation employees.</p>	<p>\$100 million to support 10,000 'New Energy' apprentices. \$2,000 on commencement and \$2,000 for each of the four years of the apprenticeship.</p> <p>Includes rooftop solar, energy efficiency building upgrades, green hydrogen, and renewable manufacturing.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✗</p>
<p>Greater flexibility in working visas to reflect real-time labour supply constraints.</p>	<p>Skilled stream places to be at 70% of Migration Program in 2022-23, increasing available skilled places to around 110,000.</p> <p>Continue to deliver faster, cheaper skills assessments that will acknowledge the valuable skills migrants have brought with them, and their ability to contribute to the workforce.</p>	<p>From 1 Jan 2023, expand the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme - Pacific Labour Scheme to allow workers to bring their partners and children to Australia.</p> <p>From July 2023, a new Pacific Engagement Visa stream allowing permanent migration pathways for Pacific and Timor nationals (up to 3,000 per year).</p>	<p>✓✓</p>	<p>✓</p>

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The right fit approach to building regulation

Subsidies and grants are being considered for those businesses facing the greatest cost impacts arising from the introduction of the new National Construction Code in 2022.

\$ 22 billion this decade in low emissions technologies, driving over \$88 billion of total investment to reduce emissions while growing the economy and creating jobs across Australia.

Investment in micro-grids in regional and remote communities lacking access to the grid.

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Provide direct financial support for measures that improve energy efficiency within existing industries and develop new industries in Regional Australia through a new Powering the Regions Fund.

Investing up to \$200 million per year in disaster prevention and resilience. If matched by State, Territory, or local governments, provide up to \$400 million annually.

Assist with spiraling insurance premiums in disaster-prone regions, by reducing the risk of expensive damage to homes and businesses.

National Reconstruction Fund: pursue renewables and low emission technologies, and commercial opportunities.

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Regulation to improve the energy efficiency of a home is being introduced in a way that quantifies and mitigates risks and acknowledges the lead times required in the industry to facilitate change.

Commitment to step-change to 7 Star with no support for education or clear transition plan.

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That the Federal Government pays for industry use of standards that are required by law.

No announcements.

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