



Construction Essential to Keep Economy Moving

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Master Builders NSW welcomes the Minns Government’s move to step up monitoring and coordination across the fuel supply chain in response to spiking costs and localised shortages.

The Premier’s announcement of a Liquid Fuel Emergency Operations Centre to monitor fuel availability and shortages and to work with industry to coordinate fuel availability was backed by Mathew Pollock, Executive Director of Master Builders NSW.

“The Premier has recognised the importance of the construction sector in announcing that the new fuel monitoring centre will identify supply chain pressure points and supply needs for our industry.

“Construction is an essential industry which is vital to keeping the economy going strong. We can’t afford to have the \$100 billion in construction activity that’s under way in NSW grind to a halt due to fuel shortages,”

“Pain points are already emerging. Building firms are the canary down the coalmine of inflationary pressures like fuel price spikes. Builders are hit by input cost increases earlier and feel the effects for longer than most other industries,”

“Right now, suppliers are putting fuel levies on the back of quotes to transport materials to and from sites. Examples include heavy materials, skip bins and demolition, they all come and go on the back of a diesel truck,”

“A shortage of diesel is a big risk for the industry. It’s hard to point to a building material or a construction site that isn’t somehow exposed to diesel prices. If we start to see prolonged diesel shortages then we will be looking for the Minns Government to intervene,”

“The Minns Government will want to avoid delays in the construction of essential community infrastructure projects including the more than 100 healthcare and medical facilities being built in cities, towns and regional centres across NSW.” Matthew Pollock said.

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