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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LEGISLATION PASSAGE A GREAT RESULT

The passage through Parliament of a Bill to reconstitute the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) is a great result for employers and workers in the construction industry, as well as for the consumers who buy their products, according to free market think tank the Institute of Public Affairs.

"The building and construction industry employs hundreds of thousands of Australians and is responsible for almost 10 per cent of the nation's GDP," according to Brett Hogan, Director of Research.

"Yet, this important industry has a dubious track record of violence, intimidation, excessive industrial action and inflated costs."

"As long as these problems remain entrenched, an independent body like the ABCC is needed."

"All Australians have a stake in ensuring that construction projects are delivered on time and on budget, and that the law is respected."

"Importantly, the passage of this legislation, abolition of the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal, new laws to protect CFA volunteers, and establishment of an independent Registered Organisations Commission shows that meaningful workplace relations changes are possible in this country, if the government is prepared to argue the case for reform," said Mr Hogan.

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