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LNP Gives Welcome Focus on Construction and Property

The Property and Construction Strategy released today by the LNP gives a welcome focus to the efficiency of Queensland's economically crucial building and construction industries, said the Housing Industry Association, the voice of Australia's home building industry.

HIA's Queensland Executive Director Warwick Temby said, "the LNP's Strategy touches on the broad sweep of issues that are all important ingredients in improving the efficiency of the building and construction industries.

"That the LNP has made the property and construction industries one of its four key strategies, is perhaps the most important element of the Strategy. By striving for a coordinated and broad ranging approach to the issues facing the industry the LNP Strategy has recognised the complexities of the industry and the costs that this imposes on the Queensland community and economy.

"Home building is one of the most heavily regulated and taxed activities in the country. Coordinated approaches to addressing these issues through a dedicated Cabinet Committee is both symbolically, and hopefully practically, a very important measure in raising the status of the industry's issues.

"Similarly, requiring local governments to have housing affordability as a key strategic goal in all their planning schemes is another important step in elevating industry issues and acknowledging that a coordinated effort of State and Local Governments and the industry is needed to get results.

"The LNP's commitment to the recent extension of the Government's $10,000 Building Boost is also a pragmatic approach to removing any concerns that those building a new home might have about their eligibility for the Boost should there be a change of Government after the election", Mr Temby concluded.

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