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HIA'S FIFO Relocation Proposal Adopted

HIA welcomes Premier Mark McGowan's confirmation today that interstate FIFO workers will be eligible for the BuildingBonus to encourage them to move to WA.

"Encouraging interstate FIFO workers to relocate to WA was a key proposal made by HIA to support recovery in the residential building industry so we're very pleased to see the Government and the mining sector moving forward with this scheme," HIA WA Executive Director Cath Hart said.

"There are nearly 6,000 FIFO workers currently living interstate who have been flying in - and out of WA for many years.

"The global pandemic and challenging economic conditions mean the community and government's expectations have changed and we want people who are working in our state to also live in our state.

"With a significant decline in international migration, this policy could play a significant role in WA's economic recovery and will hopefully see WA return to growth faster than other states as a result.

"Before the boosts, we were forecasting fewer than 10,000 housing starts for WA so even a portion of those 6,000 interstate FIFO workers relocating to WA would be impactful.

"Extending the BuildingBonus to encourage interstate FIFO workers to relocate here is clever policy and will be good for the residential building sector, and the WA economy more broadly.

"We are also pleased to see the mining sector doing its bit to encourage this program by offering thousands of dollars worth of incentives to interstate FIFO workers including increased support for relocation and mortgage assistance."

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