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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to congratulate you on your recent success in the 2014 Master Builders Queensland Housing Awards ceremony, which I attended.

The Newman Government has a particular interest in your industry, with construction being identified as one of the four key pillars to get the Queensland economy back on track. Since March 2012 we have implemented a number of initiatives to assist growth and investment in your industry, including:

- the new \$15,000 Great Start Grant, announced in our first state budget;
- Reduced the average workers' compensation premium rate in Queensland by 17% so that we once again have the cheapest rate in the nation;
- established the Building and Construction Compliance Branch (BCCB) within my Department, to crackdown on militant union activity in your industry;
- implemented a 24 hour written notification requirement for right of entry to put an end to safety being used as an industrial disputation measure; and
- increased the threshold from \$80,000 to \$150,000 and reduced the levy rate for QLeave.

Worker safety is a high priority - we are also the only state to cover journey to work compensation claims and with your assistance the serious injury rate in the construction industry has decreased by 30.5% in the 5 past years.

It is a great achievement to be featured in one of Queensland's premier building and construction industry awards.

Once again congratulations on your accomplishment and all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely



JARROD BLEIJIE, MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice