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Dear Premier,

We are writing to you on behalf of the 253,000 workers and the 78,000 mostly small businesses that make up Queensland's building and construction industry.

Firstly, we would like to commend you on the work to date in managing the COVID-19 crisis and your Government's acknowledgement that the building and construction industry is an essential industry to remain open for business. We obviously strongly share this view.

We implore you to work with your fellow Members of the National Cabinet to ensure that the building and construction industry is kept open, to not only assist the economy now but to make sure it is ready to ramp up quickly as we hit recovery mode.

We are firmly of the view that if the industry shuts down the economic knock-on effects would be devastating on a scale that would dwarf what we have seen to date.

Understandably all of us are focused on the health and wellbeing of everyone working in the industry, particularly on building sites, to ensure there are appropriate systems in place to manage both social distancing and hygiene practices.

We are working very constructively with our members to provide practical advice, compliance check lists and safety messages.

In times of crisis unions, industry and governments need to work together. We believe that we have the systems in place to manage the wellbeing of our people but also ensure that there is an economy left when the crisis is over.

Yours sincerely



Grant Galvin - CEO



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Michael Ravbar – State Secretary

