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HOMEBUILDER PACKAGE TO DRIVE JOBS IN NSW

Planning and Public Spaces Minister Rob Stokes has today welcomed the Commonwealth's new HomeBuilder package of \$25,000 grants for those looking to build or renovate their home.

"This is going to make a big difference to NSW – not only for home owners and renovators, but also to the many thousands of people that work in the construction industry right across the State," Mr Stokes said.

"This will mean jobs for our builders, our plumbers, our electricians and all of the people and businesses in the supply chain that depend on this critical industry.

"If you've been putting off a renovation or build, this extra \$25,000 is a great reason to get started."

Mr Stokes said he would expand the list of home building work that can be carried out as 'exempt development' to allow more construction to begin sooner, without planning approvals.

"Already, things like internal renovations, balconies, garden sheds, and rainwater tanks can generally be done without any planning approval, and we'll look to expand that list further so home owners can get on with the job of creating their dream home.

"We're also rolling out the easy-to-use ePlanning platform to every council in NSW, which means home builder and renovators can process their development applications online and faster than ever before."

Mr Stokes said the HomeBuilder package builds on programs already announced by the NSW Government to support the housing and construction industries.

"Our Planning System Acceleration Program is fast-tracking planning assessments of large-scale developments and rezonings, and has already provided opportunities for thousands of new jobs and billions in investment into NSW," Mr Stokes said.

"The HomeBuilder program complements our existing programs and is another important step on our road to recovery."