

**Statutory Review of the
*Building and Construction Industry Training Fund and Levy Collection Act 1990 (WA)***

Submission of BGC Housing Group

Introduction

BGC Housing Group is one of Western Australia's largest home builders, supported by our vertically integrated operating system.

Term of Reference

Recommendation 16 - a flexible definition of the Construction Industry would be preferable to a rigid definition as defined by the Act, as it opens the door to CTF funding for apprentices in the Building Products sector, which are currently exempt. This could help attract skilled labour for Building Materials. Counterargument here is that this sector does not actively contribute to the fund AFAIK. Perhaps it should?

Term of Reference

Recommendation 22 - CTF this year received \$48.7M revenue, however expenditure was only \$24.4M (~\$10M below budget). Whilst there is discussion about whether it is appropriate to hold funds in reserve, if we are going to reach Federal building approval targets the country desperately needs more trades. CTF funding, especially the Apprentice Completion Grant, can assist here. \$2,000 is paid directly to apprentices plus \$500 for tools, and arguably this is not enough to act as an attractor to the sector, especially when adjusting for inflation. Additionally, eligible businesses currently receive up to \$26,000 from the grant. An increase in expenditure would be our recommendation.

Term of Reference

Recommendation 12 - the threshold does not impact BHG, however could be lifted from \$20,000 to \$50,000 to cut administrative overhead within the fund.

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