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NECA and Master Plumbers Tasmania call for wide-ranging reforms and stimulus in Pre-Budget Submission to Tasmanian Government

The National Electrical and Communications Association (NECA) and Master Plumbers Tasmania submitted a joint Pre-Budget Submission to the Tasmanian Government outlining a series of critical reforms which will support the state's economic recovery.

The recommendations fall into four areas:

- Jump-starting Small Business
- Unlocking Infrastructure and Super-charging Business
- Taxation and Regulatory Reform
- Energising the Future

Together, the recommendations offer holistic policy platform to rebuild a stronger, more resilient Tasmania.

To inform the proposal, the organisations surveyed their members, which found the devastating impact the pandemic has had on electrical and plumbing businesses in Tasmania, with predictions of significant declines in work.

Suresh Manickam CEO of NECA said:

"We are hearing loud and clear from industry that business is doing it tough and government needs to continue to invest to stimulate the economy. We have proposed a broad range of measures for government consideration which will protect livelihoods in the short-term and help the economy flourish in the long-term.

"We look forward to discussing our proposals with the Tasmanian Government and working with them to implement policies that will support a thriving electrical contracting industry in the state."

NECA and MPAT's Pre-Budget Submission, which outlines a series of policy measures that would stimulate the economy, support business and protect jobs, can be seen here.

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