



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety**  
**Building and Energy**

# WA Legislative Update

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# New Bill

- Update on the *Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Bill 2020* (the “WA Bill”).

# Background

- Bill will introduce **industry wide laws** to enhance payment protections for subcontractors in line with the Government's election commitments.

# Objectives of the Bill

- Bill will introduce reforms in **four areas**:
  - New security of payment laws that are more consistent with the ‘East Coast’ model.
  - A retention trust scheme.
  - Enhancing the powers of the Regulator.
  - Fairer contracting practices.

# Current status

- Bill passed the lower house on 10 November 2020.
- Introduced into the upper house on 11 November 2020, but lapsed after the end of the 2020 Parliamentary sitting year.

# Next steps

- Government re-elected following the WA State General Election on Saturday 13 March 2021.
- Approval to be sought to re-introduce the Bill into Parliament.

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