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The Federal Government welcomes the announcement of an agreement on new industrial relations arrangements in the building industry as part of which national building employers indicated their intention to seek leave to withdraw from deregistration proceedings against the BLF.

The Government strongly believes that the agreement provides the best prospects for a real improvement in industrial relations in the building industry.

It is the clear expectation of the Government that all parties to the agreement recognise fully the responsibilities which they have now assumed and will abide by the commitments they have given. The Government will have the industry under constant review to satisfy itself in this regard.

Adherence to the undertakings will enable a good deal of the industrial difficulties in the building industry to be put behind us. Building workers and employers, the industry and the economy stand to benefit from this.