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The PPTEU stands proudly alongside our members, the hardworking men and women who deliver this work every single day. Our members turn up early, work in challenging conditions and apply world-class skills to projects that will define Victoria's future.

The Big Build is more than construction – it represents real opportunity for plumbers. It provides apprenticeships, secure long-term employment and the stability that supports thousands of Victorian plumbing families.

The PPTEU would like to address recent allegations regarding attendance at a charity event. As a union, we have a long and proud history of supporting respected charities and community organisations. Attending a single fundraising event – one for which we do not determine the guest list or have any influence over who else is invited – should not be mischaracterised or used to imply wrongdoing. Supporting charitable causes is part of our ethos, and it should not be distorted into something it is not.

The PPTEU reiterates that if any individual has engaged in inappropriate conduct, it will investigate fully. That is how our system works. But for now, these matters are still allegations, and public discussion should avoid unfounded assumptions or sweeping conclusions before the facts are established.

What must not be lost in the noise is that tens of thousands of honest, hardworking people, including our members, continue to show up every day to build this state. They deserve respect for their contribution – not speculation, guilt-by-association or broad generalisations.

The PPTEU supports our members across all worksites – whether on Victoria's Big Build projects or anywhere else they're employed. We advocate for safety, fair conditions, proper training and secure employment. We stand for integrity, accountability and the wellbeing of the workforce.

Authorised by Paddy McCrudden, Federal President

