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UDIA welcomes retention of Housing portfolio in Cabinet

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) today welcomes the appointment of Brendan O'Connor as the Minister for Small Business, Housing and Homelessness.

UDIA welcomes the retention of the Housing portfolio in Cabinet, which recognises the serious challenges that the Federal Government faces in the delivery of affordable housing to all Australians.

“UDIA will continue to advocate for affordable housing across Australia and having a Housing Minister inside the Cabinet is a critical step”, said UDIA National President Julie Katz.

“It is extremely important that housing remains firmly on the Federal Government’s agenda, and the new Minister will have the full support of UDIA”, said Ms Katz.

UDIA looks forward to working with the new Minister and the Government in tackling this critical policy area.

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