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UDIA ELECTS NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) has elected Julie Katz as its National President.

Ms Katz, the Urban Development Manager Victoria for APP Corporation, is the first female National President in UDIA's history.

She comes to the role with over 25 years experience in the development industry, advising both the private sector and government. Furthermore, she has an impressive record of service to the UDIA serving on the Victorian Council since 2001 and on the National Council since 2003.

The new President will continue UDIA's work in unlocking barriers to the supply of affordable land and housing.

"Australia is currently experiencing a significant shortage of affordable housing and I intend to use my term in office to work with the Federal Government in addressing this growing problem" said Ms Katz.

"There is an urgent need for industry reform as property developers are being hamstrung by a raft of inequitable taxes and charges while also being subject to a time-consuming, unresponsive planning system".

Following the recent cabinet reshuffle, Ms Katz is positive, but mindful of the work that lies ahead.

"The appointment of Robert McClelland as the Minister for Housing and the elevation of the portfolio to Cabinet level is a step in the right direction. However, there remains a great deal of work ahead and we are likely to see this with the impending release of the National Housing Supply Taskforce's new State of Supply Report"

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"I would like to thank outgoing National President Peter Sherrie for his dedicated service to UDIA over the past two years and for his support during this transition phase".

"I feel privileged to act as the National President of this incredible organisation and look forward to representing the needs of its members at the Federal level".

The members of the new UDIA National Executive are:

National President – **Julie Katz**
Vice-President – **Cameron Shephard**
Vice-President – **Michael Corcoran**
Treasurer – **Brent Hailey**
Secretary – **Ian Marker**
Immediate Past-President – **Peter Sherrie**

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