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Energy efficiency – NCC 2022 and beyond scoping study

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the scoping study that commences the process of considering potential changes to energy efficiency provisions, with an emphasis on residential buildings, in the 2022 edition of the National Construction Code.

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) appreciates the scoping study is a pretext to further work that will inform the development of potential changes to the NCC. This is consistent with the objectives and direction the ABCB has received from the Building Ministers Forum.

UDIA National supports the objective of building more energy efficient residential stock and establishing a clear trajectory in the evolution of the NCC that gives industry certainty, transparency and the opportunity to adjust.

This should provide a sensible and balanced framework that recognises the imperatives of energy efficiency alongside the industry's capacity for innovation and the premium placed on costs by homebuyers.

At this stage, UDIA National does not propose to comment on the specific measures outlined in the scoping study. Rather, we seek to ensure that process continues in a way that considers holistic issues arising from potential changes, is underpinned by a cost-benefit analysis, and formalises further rounds of consultation.

We look forward to being involved in future consultation periods and continuing to engage with the ABCB on the development of potential changes – as well as a trajectory for implementation – for residential energy efficiency standards.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Connie Kirk'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'C' being particularly large and prominent.

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