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Hon John Carey MLA
Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness
11th Floor, Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
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Dear Minister,

MEDIUM DENSITY HOUSING CODES GAZETTAL DEFERRAL – NEXT STEPS

We appreciate your decision last week was not made lightly and was made to ensure there is no further constraints on the already challenging supply of housing.

Following your announcement, there has been considerable activity and discussion on a way forward across planning, design and development institutes, associations and bodies. Our read is that industry is united in a desire to retain the enormous amount of work undertaken industry-wide in relation to the new Medium Density Codes (MD Codes).

We share your views to look for ways to increase housing supply and believe there are opportunities to retain the new MD Codes alongside your direction to maintain a pathway to use the 2021 R-Codes in areas coded R30 and R40. We have been made aware of many projects that have been designed under the new MD Codes that will not proceed without such an option.

At a time when we need more housing supply we would like the opportunity to assist you to facilitate this. Our members are motivated to provide suggestions, ideas and input. We have the skills and motivation to help bring this important part of the industry on board with your imperative to improve housing supply.

We, together would like to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss this proposal.

Yours sincerely



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