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Build-to-Rent can help provide more quality, sustainable housing for Victorians

The Australian Institute of Architects welcomes the Victorian Government's foresight in bringing Build-to-Rent to the state, a move which will help provide additional quality and affordable housing to residents into the future.

'Build-to-Rent is about choice and will ensure our housing supply grows in line with Victoria's exponential population growth,' said Amy Muir, Victorian Chapter President.

'The Institute is passionate about the provision of quality and affordable housing options, which Build-to-Rent will help provide. Our members currently have projects underway that support this mission.

'Award-winning Nightingale Housing is a key example of our members' work in the sustainable and affordable housing space, a series of innovative projects leading a housing revolution in our cities by constructing multi-residential buildings that are financially, socially and environmentally sustainable.'

Ms Muir said the government's commitment to fast track development applications was commendable but must come with assurances building quality would not be compromised.

'Good quality design responds to critical contemporary issues such as rising energy costs, by making homes more energy efficient and these features need to be considered for this new housing class,' she said.

'The Institute would encourage government to provide incentives linked to specific design and sustainability outcomes, supported by enhanced tax revenue from development for re-investment in public benefit initiatives and infrastructure.

'We look forward to working with the Victorian Government in the Build-to-Rent space and are excited by the possibilities it brings.'

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