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HIA Urges Planning Minister to Stand Firm on Missing Middle Code

“Further delays to the implementation of the medium density housing code will cost NSW home buyers and limit the choice of housing product for home buyers” said David Bare, HIA Executive Director NSW.

“The Department of Planning spent over 2 years developing the ‘missing middle code’ in concert with industry and local government. We are urging the Planning Minister to ensure the pre-election decision to allow exemptions to the code for a swathe of council areas to be lifted without delay

“Minister Stokes must not give in to local councils pushing for further delays to a code that simply supports low rise medium density housing options. Something councils should be embracing” Mr. Bare said.

“HIA members are finding that in many local council areas fairly simple development applications are taking up to 12 months to gain approval.

“The new code will help to alleviate the bottle neck of development applications created by our overly complex planning system and make it easier to deliver housing product such as terraces that address the so called missing middle.”

“It can also reduce planning and administrative costs by up to \$15,000 for people building a duplex or townhouse”.

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