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Mark Speakman left a significant legacy for NSW

CEO of Urban Taskforce Australia, Tom Forrest, paid tribute to Mark Speakman MP for demonstrating the benefits of a bipartisan approach to housing supply, housing affordability and for shifting his party to be a pro-YIMBY party.

Mark Speakman was quick to respond to calls from Premier Minns for a bi-partisan approach to planning reform in January this year.

He followed through with his commitment and just last week we saw the successful passage of significant planning reforms through the Parliament. This could not have happened without the support of the Coalition under Mark Speakman.

While this was no-doubt unpopular with some of his Liberal Party colleagues, Mark Speakman demonstrated that he was prepared to put the interests of the people of NSW first. For this, he leaves his role with great respect and high regard.

Young people struggling to pay their rent and those saving to buy their first home all owe a debt to Mark Speakman.

Leadership of the NSW Opposition is one of the most lonely and difficult roles in all of politics.

Mark Speakman was generous with his time and prepared to listen to all perspectives with an open mind.

Urban Taskforce Australia thanks Mark Speakman for the work he has done as the NSW Opposition leader and wishes him the best for his future endeavours within Parliament and beyond.

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