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Urban Taskforce welcomes NCC freeze in NSW

CEO of Urban Taskforce Australia, Tom Forrest, today welcomed the announcement that the NSW Government will not adopt the latest version of the National Construction Code (NCC 2025) until 1 May, 2027.

Building Minister Anoulack Chanthivong's decision will give the construction sector time to consider and adjust to the proposed changes.

More than that, it gives the NSW Government more time to decide upon possible variations being discussed with industry to ensure that the Code meets industry's and the community's needs, and to minimise unnecessary cost imposts, compliance risk and disruption to housing supply.

Urban Taskforce has previously criticised the NCC for significantly exceeding its previous objectives of structural sufficiency, fire safety, health, and amenity to in an effort to deliver a range of pet political policies.

These have often been through no cost-benefit analysis, or worse, have failed that test but been implemented anyway, adding to the financial burden for development.

The Minister's decision comes as a welcome development at a time when costs are through the roof and new home building feasibility is at a catastrophic low. This decision will allow industry to focus on the delivery of much needed housing supply.

Urban Taskforce welcomes this decision and looks forward to further discussions about the variations needed to reduce the cost burden on the housing construction sector.

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The comments and analysis above can be attributed to Tom Forrest, CEO, Urban Taskforce Australia

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