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NSW builders commend construction code freeze

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NSW builders commend the Federal and NSW Governments for freezing the National Construction Code (NCC) which was confirmed by Building Ministers today.

Matthew Pollock, Executive Director of Master Builders NSW said, "It just got a bit easier for builders to construct the thousands of new homes needed to meet the housing needs of NSW.

"Master Builders applauds the leadership of the Premier and his team in pushing the Federal Government and other state and territory governments to freeze the NCC.

"The Minns Government has been consistently strong in pushing back on changes to the NCC proposed by other states and territories that would have kicked up the cost of building new homes.

"Builders don't want home buyers to have to pay more just because building regulators and bureaucrats aren't happy until they've made it harder, longer and costing more build.

"We also don't think home buyers should have to wait over a year for a new house to be built and over three years for new apartments.

"Freezing the code should make it easier for state and local government building regulators to get onto the same page and reduce uncertainty and delays for new home builders.

"Every day we hear from members telling us that they are hiring more admin staff to comply with a new set of rules or rules that have undergone yet more change.

"Pragmatic commonsense actions like putting changes to the NCC on hold are what's needed to get on top of the housing crisis."

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