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Dear Minister

Updated feedback on the NCC 2022 Changes

Master Builders has recently launched its [Policy and Advocacy Agenda](#), detailing the changes we will be working to achieve to help tackle the problems of low industry productivity and the high regulatory burden on building and construction.

As part of the process of working with members to develop the agenda, feedback was clear that the livable housing and energy efficiency changes introduced as part of NCC 2022 continue to act as a barrier in the delivery of housing. They are adding cost, complexity and restricting consumer choice. As such, we have revised our position as follows.

Firstly, we are recommending that complying with the NCC 2022 energy efficiency and livable housing requirements be made voluntary, which could be achieved through amending the Queensland Development Code 4.5.

We believe this will fix the issues affecting the implementation of NCC 2022 (accessible and energy efficiency housing requirements) and give homeowners the choice.

Secondly, we have received further feedback for the six-month review of the changes to the NCC 2022. Since our previous submission in June 2024 builders have continued to develop experience with the requirements. While some have found ways to work around issues, others haven't. And in other areas additional issues have emerged.

Our updated feedback is provided in the attached [NCC 6 month review – essential changes](#). This updated feedback details the additional challenges and concerns builders are facing with the implementation of the changes. It includes recommendations for improvements that could make compliance easier and the rules more practical for everyone in the industry.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. We look forward to continuing our work together with you and your department.

Kind regards



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