



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

In relation to: Organisations represented on the design part of the Technical Advisory Group.

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Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development took on notice the following question(s):

MR CAIN: So how many blocks, minister, would be impacted by zoning reform to enable missing middle housing in RZ1?

Mr Steel: Well, we are still yet to make a decision on that and so we will go out for consultation and consult with the community. So that works underway, and will we expect that to be out around the middle of the year, too, going for consultation.

MR CAIN: Do you have like an estimated target that you are trying to achieve?

Mr Steel: We have not announced the policy yet, Mr Cain, so we will be doing that around the middle of the year in draft form to seek community feedback.

MR CAIN: What is the expected income, expected impact on rates and land tax for these blocks?

Mr Steel: We will be going out for consultation around the middle of the year about the policy, but decisions have not been made about the actual detail of the policy. It would be premature to answer that.

MR CAIN: And just one final supp. So who was in the Technical Advisory Group?

Mr Steel: We will provide that list.

Mr Bennett: Hello. James Bennett, Executive Branch Manager, Building, Design and Projects and I have read and acknowledge the privileges statement. Our Technical Advisory Group contains peak bodies across the building and construction industry. So we have design groups, we have some representatives of the building sector and also of the property development sector.

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We have representatives from the Green Building Council and the design peak body, so the Australian Institute of Architects and the like. So we have got a mix of professionals from the housing industry who can provide that technical input into the work ahead of the broader public consultation.

THE CHAIR: And Mr Cain, we might move on to your substantive.

MR CAIN: I was just going to ask, were the missing middle part of the technical design group?

Mr Steel: Sorry?

MR CAIN: Any members of the missing middle were part of that group?

Mr Steel: I am not sure what you mean.

MR CAIN: The Greater Canberra. The Greater Canberra.

THE CHAIR: Do you mean the Greater Canberra?

MR CAIN: The Greater Canberra, yes.

Mr Bennett: This is a group that is focused on the design process, so we have design professionals. We have not yet gone out for the broader public consultation and one of those groups will be engaged then.

THE CHAIR: I wonder, Mr Bennett, could we just take on notice the list of the organisations that were involved and that might cover all of the—

Mr Steel: We can do that.

THE CHAIR: Yes, thank you. That might cover all the questions.

Mr Steel: I think the point, though, is that the idea of this group is to make sure that what has been proposed is actually technically feasible, because we did not want to go out for consultation on something that was not able to be built by industry. And so that is why, hence, the makeup of this group is to make sure we have got that technical input so that when we go out, we have got something that is actually going to deliver the outcome of more housing, but then we can go out with that broader community consultation, including groups like Greater Canberra and community councils and other interested members of the community.

Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The following organisations are members of the Missing Middle Housing Design Guide Technical Advisory Group:

- Planning Institute of Australia
- Australian Institute of Landscape Architects

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- Australian Institute of Architects
- Housing Industry Association
- Master Builders Association of ACT
- Property Council of Australia
- Green Building Council of Australia
- Building Designers Association of Australia

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By Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development