



Inquiry into DPA-04 – Missing Middle Housing Reforms

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

Reference: Planning

Hearing: 12 February 2026

In relation to: Scrutiny of Design Guides and Technical Specifications

Question received: 18 February 2026

Answer Due: 27 February 2026

Jo Clay MLA: Asked the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development -

In its 2024 report into the Territory Plan the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services recommended that major amendments to the Design Guides be subject to review and comment by a relevant Assembly Committee (Recommendation 11). The Government agreed to the recommendation.

(1) What progress has the Government made in responding to the recommendation?

(2) Will major amendments to the Design Guides and Technical Specifications be subject to review by a relevant Assembly Committee?

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Please refer to the Government response to Recommendation 11 of the then Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services – Inquiry into the Territory Plan and associated documents at Table B3.10 of the then Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) [2024-25 Annual Report](#). Updates on the status and action of the Government response to recommendation will be provided in the City and Environment Directorate Annual Report.

The Minister provided the draft Missing Middle Housing Design Guide and changes to the Technical Specifications to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning with the referral of Draft Plan Amendment 04 – Missing Middle Housing Reforms (DPA-04).

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Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning

Signature:

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Date:

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By the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development, Chris Steel MLA