



Mr Chris Steel MLA
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Dear Minister,

Referral of Draft Major Plan Amendment 04 – Missing Middle Housing Reforms

Thank you for your letter dated 28 October 2025, received by the Committee on 31 October 2025, referring Draft Major Plan Amendment 04 – Missing Middle Housing Reforms (DPA-04), under section 70 of the *Planning Act 2023*.

On behalf of the Committee, I write to advise you that the Committee has resolved to undertake an inquiry and prepare a report on DPA-04. Noting your request for the Committee to report on the inquiry at the earliest opportunity, the Committee will endeavour to report as expeditiously as possible.

The timing of the referral, being close to public hearings for Annual and Financial Reports, the final sitting week of 2025, ACT school holidays and the December-January government shutdown, mean that the Committee is unable to hold hearings until February 2026. Given the importance of these reforms, effective public input into the parliamentary scrutiny of DPA-04 is crucial and conducting hearings before February 2026 would preclude participation for many key stakeholders. This timing may necessitate reporting by 30 April 2026 consistent with the requirements under section 71(5) of the *Planning Act 2023*. The Committee appreciates your understanding in this regard.

Queries can be directed to the Committee Secretary, James Bunce, on (02) 620 50199.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jo Clay MLA
Chair

6 November 2025