



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: Community engagement on Design Guides and Technical Specifications

Question received: 19 February 2026

Answer Due: 27 February 2026

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

In its report into the Territory Plan in 2024 the then Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services recommended that the Government consider how amendments to Design Guides and Technical Specifications could be subject to a community engagement process (Recommendation 10). The Government agreed to this amendment.

(1) What action has the Government taken in progressing a response to the recommendation?

(2) Will the Government consult with the community on amendments to the Design Guides and Technical Specifications?

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

Please refer to the Government response to Recommendation 10 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](#).

The Government consulted on changes to the Technical Specifications and the draft Missing Middle Housing Design Guide at the same time as the statutory consultation for 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: 3/3/26

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