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# Master Builders ACT welcomes approval of Missing Middle reforms

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**Master Builders ACT supports the ACT Government's recent approval of Missing Middle reforms, hailing it as a major step towards boosting housing diversity, supply, and affordability in the Territory.**

'Master Builders ACT applauds the government for moving forward with the Missing Middle reforms that we have long been calling for,' said Anna Neelagama, CEO of Master Builders ACT.

'This will unlock a broader mix of housing types, including dual occupancies, townhouses, and low-rise apartments, which are essential to meeting the housing needs of Canberrans.'

The Missing Middle reforms have been under consideration for over a year, with extensive consultation and input from the Technical Advisory Group.

'Our members stand ready to build. We urge the government to take swift action in implementing the reforms so that builders can get to work on providing these much-needed housing types,' said Ms. Neelagama.

'We'd also like to see an implementation unit appointed to review the changes and ensure they are feasible for industry.

'We have concerns, for example, about potentially prescriptive minimum private open space requirements for middle housing developments.

'It is vital that design flexibility is maintained. It could be challenging to comply with this requirement in every development, and could add time and costs to development assessments.'



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'While open and communal spaces are important for liveability, this requirement should not hinder development and design approvals and create further hold ups to delivering feasible and affordable medium density homes.

Master Builders ACT urges caution in implementing Missing Middle reforms in the absence of other important regulatory changes.

'For these Missing Middle reforms to succeed, they must go hand in hand with faster development approvals, infrastructure readiness, fairer statutory charges and reduced compliance barriers.'

**[Master Builders ACT Submission on the ACT Government's Missing Middle Housing Reforms](#)**

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