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Hon Mick de Brenni MP
Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen, and
Minister for Public Works and Procurement
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Dear Minister,

Transition arrangements for the proposed accessible housing provisions in the Draft National Construction Code 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to provide industry feedback on the transition arrangements for the proposed accessible housing provisions in the draft National Construction Code (NCC) 2022.

The Property Council of Australia is the leading advocate for Australia's biggest industry – property. We are a national not-for-profit organisation established to promote the work of the property industry in delivering prosperity, jobs and strong communities to all Australians. The Property Council believes that access to suitable accommodation is important to all Australians and is a prerequisite for a happy, stable and dignified life.

The Property Council is an active contributor to the leadership of Liveable Housing Australia (LHA) and many of our members are also core contributors to, and advocates for, the Liveable Housing Design Guidelines (LHDGs).

While the Property Council is looking forward to continued engagement on the details of NCC 2022, we propose a **minimum transition period of 3 years**, in order to allow sufficient time for industry to adapt.

A 3-year transition period for NC2022 would see proposed changes commence concurrently with those of NCC 2025.

This would provide sufficient opportunity for:

- amendments to planning schemes that acknowledge and reflect the requirements,
- redesign of proposals underway at the commencement of the changes,
- investment in existing display product to be realised before it becomes obsolete;
and
- education of consumers on the changes that are required to the internal layout of their new home.

I understand that the Master Builders Queensland have also addressed these issues in their own submission. As such, I would commend their submission to you for consideration.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to provide feedback. If you require any additional information or would like to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0448 432 936 or jwilliams@propertycouncil.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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