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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on ***DV346 Residential Solar Access Provisions***.

The Property Council is supportive of the draft proposal in relation to solar access, namely:

- The requirement for new homes to have north-facing windows in a daytime living area with at least 4 square metres of sunlight at the winter solstice.
- An expanded building envelope that should allow for improved positioning of homes and design outcomes.

We agree with our industry counterparts that solar access design should be retained. That said, the current rules have led to poor siting outcomes, and at times ran contrary to good solar access principles.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on this Draft Variation.

Yours faithfully,



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