

Media Release



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Developers welcome Federal Government's action on housing affordability

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (National) has today welcomed the introduction of legislation as part of the Federal Government's housing affordability package.

The legislative measures, first announced in the May Budget, include the First Home Super Saving Scheme (FHSS), downsizing incentives, protecting negative gearing and the Foreign Resident Vacancy Levy.

UDIA National President, Michael Corcoran said, "the Government is getting on with the job improving the market, by providing a fair policy to ensure that Australians can get into the housing market".

Mr Corcoran also stressed that the package, whilst supported by the development industry generally, will impact states differently.

"A couple who save \$60,000 in concessional super contributions will have enough to put a deposit on their home in most places in Australia, but it won't be enough for a home deposit in Sydney where the median house price has long passed \$1 million."

"The industry continues to support the Government's position on maintaining the negative gearing and capital gains tax regime, which is essential to encouraging private investment into much-needed rental housing to ensure more affordable rents and more availability of rental stock into the future."

Some aspects of housing affordability package have been controversial, and will require crossbench support in the Senate.

"The legislation is yet to pass through the Senate, but we remain optimistic."

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