

# Media Release



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## UDIA NSW welcomes the re-appointment of Minister Sartor to Planning

The Urban Development Institute of Australia NSW (UDIA NSW) has welcomed the re-appointment of The Hon. Frank Sartor MP as Minister for Planning.

“The urban development industry has been encouraged by the increased certainty provided to the sector by Minister Sartor’s pragmatic approach to the planning portfolio,” said Mr Scott Woodcock, UDIA NSW Executive Director.

“The plethora of plans released over the past 18 months has created a promising foundation for the recovery of the NSW property sector. The Minister’s appointment provides vital continuity to complete unfinished business.”

“UDIA NSW believes that improving affordability for NSW homebuyers by addressing taxes and charges is the next important step for the NSW Government. UDIA NSW estimates that a new \$350,000 house and land package in the release areas will attract \$139,000 in taxes and charges. Effectively, the first 40% of a new home will be comprised entirely of taxes and charges payable across all three levels of Government. UDIA NSW contends that stamp duty relief, equitable water and sewer charges and reduced local government infrastructure contributions are urgently needed to stimulate the market,” said Mr Ross Blancato, UDIA NSW President.

“The NSW economic recovery begins with urban development industry. UDIA NSW is confident that the re-appointment of Minister Sartor provides a genuine chance at creating real and affordable opportunities for new homebuyers,” said Mr Woodcock.

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