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Dear Ms Mussared

I write in response to your letter of 29 January 2021 seeking support for the inclusion of mandatory accessible housing standards in the National Construction Code (NCC), which will be considered by Building Ministers at their next meeting.

I note the proposal to mandate accessible housing standards in the NCC has been the subject of extensive consultation with both key stakeholders and the public more broadly. The proposal has been subject to a comprehensive regulatory impact analysis undertaken by the Centre for International Economics, which is currently being reviewed following comments received during the consultation period.

In addition to the quantitative regulatory analysis, Ministers are giving due regard to the qualitative impact of the proposal, which places a strong emphasis on the importance of lived experience.

Ministers committed to settling a position on the inclusion of minimum accessible housing standards in early 2021. Further information, including Ministers decision on this matter will be available following the Building Ministers Meeting.

I thank you for making your views clear and I look forward to discussing the proposal with my colleagues at a National level.

Yours sincerely



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