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## **NSW GOVERNMENT DEFERS NEW HOUSING CODE**

The NSW Government has written to the City of Ryde confirming it will defer the implementation of the new medium density housing code until 1 July 2019, or until such time as Council has undertaken the development of a new Local Housing Strategy and Local Environment Plan (LEP).

The decision by the NSW Government comes after community concern about the widespread permissibility of multi-unit dwellings that the new code would have on the City of Ryde.

The code was initially slated to be introduced on 6 July this year and would have meant the number of sites in the City of Ryde capable of being developed for medium density housing would increase substantially.

The NSW Government's decision to defer, means Council can now continue with its planned development of its new Local Housing Strategy and will comprehensively engage with our community to establish where different types of residential development can be supported by local infrastructure for the development of the new Local Environment Plan.

The Minister also confirmed that the NSW Government has recently committed \$2.5 Million to assist Council to develop a new Local Environment Plan required by the Greater Sydney Commission following the finalisation of the North District Plan in March 2018.

New Planning Proposals for residential developments will not be assessed or progressed until this above review has been undertaken and appropriate strategies are in place which address local infrastructure requirements to manage increases in population.

The City of Ryde would like to thank the Minister for Planning, the Hon. Anthony Roberts, for listening to the concerns of Council and local residents by deferring the implementation of the new housing code.

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