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Flexibility in city maintained for public benefit

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (Victorian division) has commended the State Government's willingness to provide flexibility to the industry when it comes to Melbourne's new central city planning controls.

The Victorian Government today introduced the new controls under Amendment C270 in the Melbourne Planning Scheme.

UDIA's Victorian Chief Executive Danni Addison said, "These planning controls will inevitably have an impact on affordability, which continues to be a key issue for our city.

"However, we welcome the Government's willingness to provide flexibility to the industry and to maintain the ability to negotiate outcomes on a site by site basis.

"A certain degree of flexibility is the key to ensuring these controls preserve Melbourne's long-term liveability, while also providing adequate clarity to the development community."

The changes, which apply to Hoddle Grid and Southbank, aim to provide improved public amenity and deliver consistency that will help Melbourne's city grow in a way that enhances long-term liveability.

"The UDIA will watch implementation of the new planning controls closely to make sure a fair balance is reached between providing amenity and public benefit improvements, and the cost this may add to the final price of housing," said Ms Addison.

"The UDIA is a champion of Melbourne's liveability, but we also look for a balance between advancing the built form and public amenity of our central city, and enabling the supply of new housing at a price that people can afford.

"Melbourne will become more attractive if the industry and government continues working together to encourage investment and a long-term project pipeline," said Ms Addison.

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The Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) is a nationally recognised body that advocates for Australia's urban development industry. In Victoria, UDIA informs and engages government and industry members, **enabling better policy and better business decisions.**

With a primary focus on the residential property sector, UDIA protects and promotes over 350 member companies across Victoria including developers and a range of other professionals involved in producing, financing and marketing residential property.

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