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Review of Building Act well received by community

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A series of public and industry briefing sessions have been held throughout the Territory to inform the community about the recently released discussion paper on the review of the Northern Territory Building Act 1993.

The paper highlights the introduction of homebuilder indemnity insurance and builder licensing, to ensure the great Australian dream doesn't become a nightmare for

Territory families.

The Minister for Lands and Planning, Kon Vatskalis, said community information sessions have been held in Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.

"All sessions were well-attended and provided a good forum for robust debate during question time," Mr Vatskalis said.

"The response was exceptional in Alice Springs, with more than 70 industry members and the general community attending the briefing.

"In conjunction with the community information sessions, officers of my department also addressed specific industry groups including the Territory Construction Association (TCA), the Housing Industry Association (HIA) and the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.

"I now plan to personally meet with various ethnic groups working within the Territory's construction industry to ensure they are also properly informed of the proposed changes."

Mr Vatskalis said the Industry Reference Group (IRG) established to oversee the extensive consultation period has also met on regular occasions.

Its members will now review the 26 submissions received from the community so far, before reporting back to the Minister.

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