

TASMANIA RISKS LOCKING IN POOR HOUSING OUTCOMES, INSULATION INDUSTRY WARNS

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The Affiliated Insulation Industry Coalition (AIIC) has expressed deep disappointment at Tasmania's decision to defer key updates to the National Construction Code (NCC), questioning why Tasmanians deserve homes that are less affordable to run, less healthy, and lower in quality than those in other states.

Recent [CoreLogic data](#) highlights that homes built from 2010 or later are twice as energy efficient as those built before 2010, with this significant improvement directly linked to upgrades in the NCC. The NCC drives better energy efficiency, reduces household bills, and improves people's health and quality of life.

"Tasmanians can get some of the best bang for buck out of homes with good energy and thermal performance due to the cold climate zone," says AIIC Chair Janine Strachan.

"Well performing homes are cheaper and easier to heat, saving on bills and making indoor air temperatures comfortable and healthier."

The AIIC notes that delaying improvements to building standards leaves Tasmanians in homes that cost more to heat and cool while failing to deliver the health and comfort benefits available to households in other parts of Australia.

"The insulation industry has been, and continues to be, ready to collaborate with the construction sector on strategies to enhance building standards while maintaining profitability. Solutions to construction industry issues should not come at the expense of the quality of Tasmanian homes," says Ms Strachan.

The AIIC urges the Tasmanian Government to reconsider its position to ensure Tasmanians can benefit from the positive changes and quality improvements driven by the NCC into the future.

About the AIIC:

The AIIC is a collective of insulation trade associations including the Australian Modern Building Alliance (AMBA), Insulation Australasia (IA) and the Insulation Council of Australia & New Zealand (ICANZ). Collectively, the AIIC represents Australian insulation manufacturers, accredited insulation installer organisations and polymers-based insulation supply chain manufacturers.

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