UDIA WELCOMES APPOINTMENT OF AUSTRALIA’S FIRST MINISTER FOR CITIES AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The federal appointment of South Australian MP Jamie Briggs as the country’s first Minister for Cities and the Built Environment has been applauded by the Urban Development Institute of Australia.

UDIA (SA) Executive Director Pat Gerace said the urban development industry is buoyed by the announcement.

“Urban development plays such a vital role in our economic and social prosperity, so it’s great to see the Federal Government sharpen its focus on the sector,” he said.

“We hope the appointment of a Commonwealth Minister for Cities and the Built Environment will lead to better coordination of federal and state infrastructure spending, and ultimately, increased investment and improved housing affordability.”

Established in 1971, the UDIA (SA) represents the interests of the development industry in South Australia in collaboration with all levels of government. It represents all sections of the urban development sector, including developers, councils and service providers such as engineers, planners and surveyors.

As the fifth largest contributor to output in SA, the property development industry employs 56,000 people or 7% of the state’s total workforce, and accounts for almost $9 billion or 12% of Gross State Product.

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