



Prefab and modular housing: A clear fix backed following roundtable

A win for modern methods of construction

Friday 22 August 2025 - AMPLIFY welcomes the Economic Reform Roundtable's focus on addressing the housing crisis and the Treasurer's comments on the need to do more to increase the uptake of modular and prefab housing.

"We know the Australian public supports an increase in modern housing construction to address our housing crisis, and we welcome any move by the Federal Government to boost modular and prefab housing for the community," AMPLIFY CEO Georgina Harrisson said.

"Australia is behind other countries in terms of its use of modern construction and prefabricated housing, and we believe there is a major opportunity here to address the housing crisis and give Australians a fair go at housing."

At our housing deliberation earlier this year, **96 per cent of participants** backed the expansion of prefab housing. More widely, an AMPLIFY YouGov poll showed **70 per cent of Australians supported** expanding the use of prefab housing.

Modern construction offers an opportunity for higher build quality, certainty on build time and cost and faster delivery. AMPLIFY has been campaigning for changes to scale up modular and prefab housing construction around the country.

"Bold reform in this area will require the cooperation of the States and Territory governments and we're here to represent the community and to promote policy solutions that are backed by the public," Ms Harrisson said.

"Governments can support modern construction through seeding a pipeline of demand by procuring social and affordable housing, modernising the regulations and by addressing the skills this industry needs for the future."

A recent YouGov poll commissioned by AMPLIFY found **66 per cent of Australians** believe building more homes will have a positive impact on national productivity.

Housing was a strong focus of the roundtable, and we welcome flagged changes to make the National Construction Code less complex. However, any pause of the code must not be an excuse for inaction.

"Any pause to the National Construction Code shouldn't get in the way of essential regulatory changes required for the modern prefab sector to thrive," Ms Harrisson said.

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About AMPLIFY

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Through nationwide events, online discussions, and expert collaborations, AMPLIFY empowers citizens to actively participate in shaping policies on critical issues like housing, trust in institutions, and generational equity. AMPLIFY is where Australians come together to explore diverse perspectives, build consensus and drive meaningful policy change. For more information: amplifyaus.org.