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## Planning – It's Time for Change

Land use is a key economic lever and having the right settings in place will mean that NSW is better equipped to attract investment, deliver infrastructure and generate jobs

Unfortunately NSW's current planning system is inefficient, overly complex and out of step with world's best practice.

The NSW Business Chamber has consistently argued that the planning system needs to place greater emphasis on strategic outcomes, the facilitation of growth, and provide an increase in independent decision making.

After more than two years of consultation, proposed new planning laws will be debated in State Parliament's Upper House next week.

The *Planning Bill 2013* is not perfect – but it will help in modernising the current system so that it can better support business growth and development.

**Critics of the legislation are however now demanding amendments that will make it *harder* to invest in NSW, create jobs and deliver much needed new housing.**

The Bill should be passed without changes that will put jobs and investment at risk.

**We are asking you to consider taking five minutes of your time to make a difference.**

If you can either send an email or make a quick call to let your voice be known, we'd appreciate it.

We encourage you to contact:

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# Advocacy Alert



## What could you say?

- That you want a planning system that helps create new homes, workplaces and jobs
- That the new planning laws are a chance to fix a broken system
- That you want a planning system where the community has a better opportunity to participate and plan for the future needs of our cities, regions, precincts and communities
- That the laws should be passed without endless compromises and amendments that make it harder to invest, build and run a property-related business in NSW

## Contact:

If you wish to discuss any element of the planning reforms in more detail, please feel free to contact Mr Luke Aitken, Senior Manager Policy, NSW Business Chamber 9458 7582 or [luke.aitken@nswbc.com.au](mailto:luke.aitken@nswbc.com.au) .

