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To whom it may concern,

**Re: Submission on changes to building energy efficiency provisions in the Northern Territory (NT)**

Engineers Australia is the peak body of the engineering profession in Australia. We are a professional association with about 110,000 individual members. Established in 1919, Engineers Australia is a not-for-profit organisation, constituted by Royal Charter to advance the science and practice of engineering for the benefit of the community.

Engineers Australia supports the adoption of National Construction Code (NCC) 2019 Section J into the future design and construction process. It is essential that the proposed changes deliver practical outcomes connecting energy efficiency with design and construction practice. A holistic approach is needed to properly meet contemporary consumer expectations for practices that work in their long-term interests.

Adoption of NCC 2019 Section J provides a major opportunity that cannot be overlooked for bringing greater alignment between building construction sector, emerging technologies, and sustainability of future buildings. Linking these sectors through practical actions gives the local construction industry better ways to contribute to tackling climate change and enables consumers to better manage their energy usage.

Engineers Australia would also like to bring to attention the fact that the NCC 2022 updates are soon to be published and it should be considered by the NT Government whether it is worthwhile to adopt the NCC 2022 updates into their energy efficiency provisions to ensure that the NT construction industry remains contemporary and engages in the most up to date practice.

Engineers Australia would welcome working with the NT Government in seeking direction for the best way to implement these provisions. To discuss this submission further, please contact Adam Lee, Project Manager for Building Reforms and Projects, at [alee@engineersaustralia.org.au](mailto:alee@engineersaustralia.org.au).

Kind Regards

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