

GOVERNMENT

Housing Development Act to be Amended to Cover Sick Commercial Projects

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The Government is drafting amendments to the Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Act 1966 to extend its coverage to problematic commercial projects, with Housing and Local Government Minister, Nga Kor Ming stating that enforcement under the proposed changes would include blacklisting not only the developer company but also its board members, parent company, subsidiaries and ultimate beneficial owners connected to abandoned or sick projects.

Government Will Not Embark on Mega Projects, To Focus Spending on the People

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Finance Minister II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan said the Government will refrain from undertaking mega projects with limited impact on the majority of Malaysians in the near term, given global economic uncertainties and will instead prioritise spending on initiatives that directly improve lives such as repairing schools and rural clinics.

Urban Renewal Bill 2025 Tabled in Parliament for First Reading

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The Urban Renewal Bill 2025, tabled for its first reading in the Dewan Rakyat on August 21, 2025, seeks to reduce the consent threshold for redevelopment projects. Housing and Local Government Minister, Nga Kor Ming presented the bill, which is slated for its second and third readings on August 27, 2025.

Consent Snag for Renewal Act

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The Government's proposed Urban Renewal Act, aimed at rejuvenating ageing buildings and underused spaces, has raised concerns among Member of Parliaments, who want its second reading delayed to address consent thresholds and gentrification risks. The Bill, tabled by Housing and Local Government Minister, Nga Kor Ming, outlines a framework for redevelopment, regeneration and revitalisation initiatives.

PROPERTY

Malaysian Homeowners Not Protected in Current Form of Urban Renewal Act

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Federation of Malaysian Consumers Associations (Fomca) CEO, Dr T. Saravanan cautioned that Malaysia may not yet be ready for the Urban Renewal Act in its current form, noting that it is wide-ranging and should undergo further review and stakeholder consultation to safeguard the homes, livelihoods and security of families.

The International Green Build Conference (IGBC) 2025, co-organised by REHDA Institute and GreenRE, took place on 19 August 2025 at One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya.

Fadillah Reaffirms Goal of Net-Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050

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Speaking at the IGBC Deputy Prime Minister II and Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation, Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, calling for stronger collaboration and innovation to accelerate the transition. He emphasised that central to this effort is the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (EECA) 2024, which provides the legal foundation for efficient energy use across the industrial, commercial and residential sectors.

Nga Urges Industry Players to Prioritise Sustainable, Climate-Resilient Developments

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Housing and Local Government Minister, Nga Kor Ming, in his morning Ministerial keynote address at IGBC, emphasised the importance of developing future cities and projects that are sustainable and resilient to climate change. Highlighting the escalating impacts of climate change such as rising temperatures, extreme weather events and sea level rise, he stressed that these are no longer distant threats but immediate realities for Malaysia and the ASEAN region.

Malaysia Pushes for 40% Recycling, Calls for Promotion of Conscious Consumption

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Malaysia is aiming for a 40% national recycling rate, with Housing and Local Government Minister, Nga Kor Ming urging Malaysians at the IGBC 2025 to move beyond the traditional "3Rs" of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle by embracing a fourth "R" — Rethink — to encourage conscious consumption and build a more sustainable, responsible future.

1,000 Madani Parks Planned for Greener Malaysia

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Over the next decade, around 1,000 Madani recreational parks will be developed nationwide to support sustainable urban living and development. In his keynote address at IGBC, Housing and Local Government Minister, Nga Kor Ming highlighted that a safely decommissioned landfill in Bandar Tenggara, Johor, has already been transformed into a public park, showcasing the initiative's potential impact.

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