

Accessibility in housing

Progress 2010-2017

Margaret Ward



2010

National Dialogue on Universal Housing Design

“All new homes will be of an agreed Universal Housing Design standard by 2020 with interim targets to be set within that 10-year period.”

(NDUHD, 2010)



2011

COAG

National Disability Strategy

2010-2020

"All new homes will be of an agreed Universal Housing Design standard by 2020 with interim targets to be set within that 10-year period."

(COAG, 2011)



2012

Livable Housing Australia

Object in Constitution

“to help ensure all new homes are of an agreed Universal Housing Design standard by 2020.”

(LHA, 2011)



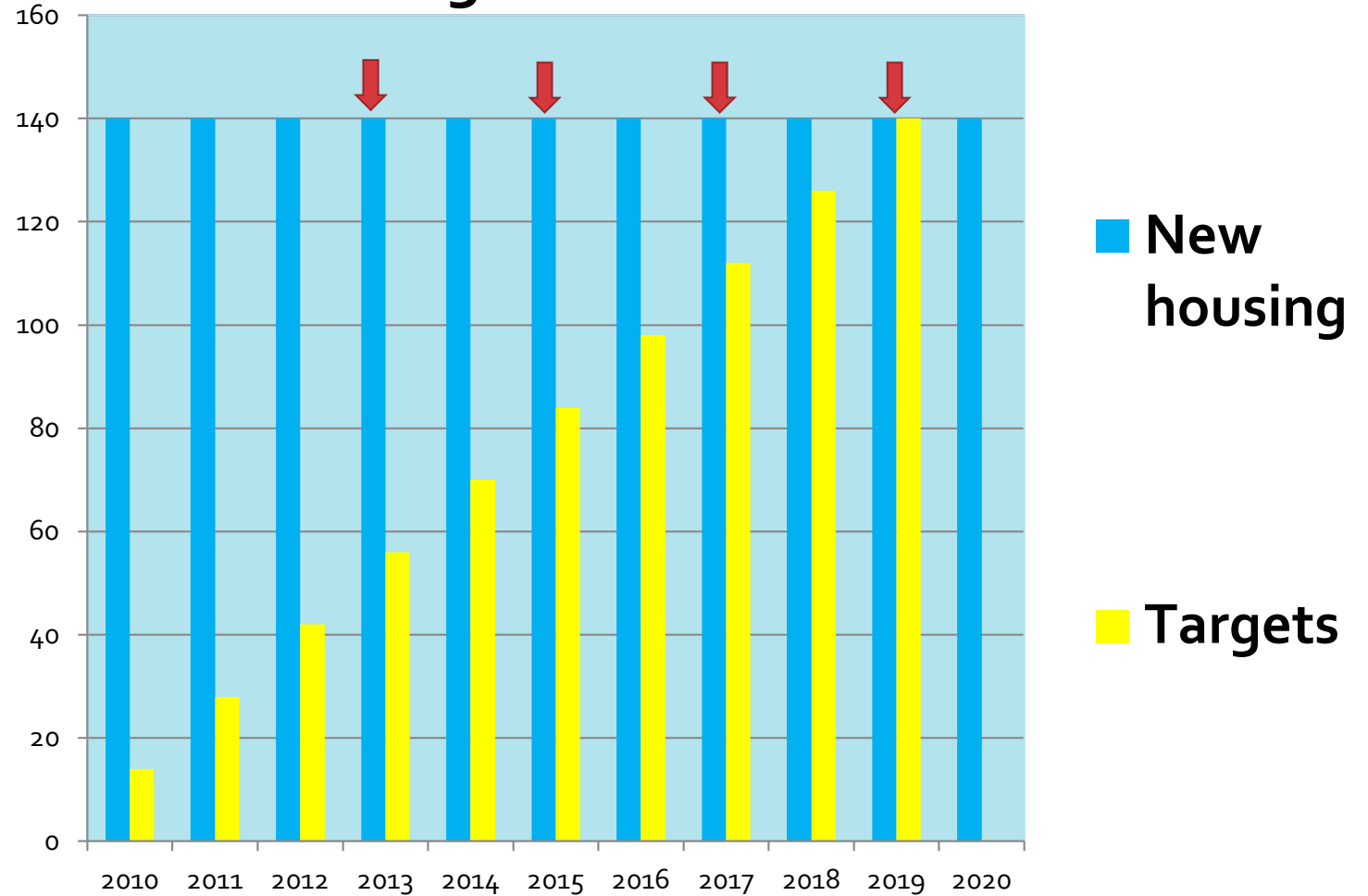
2013

"...transparent process and regular reviews"

Peter Verwer

(PCA, 2010)

Regular reviews



(NDUHD, 2010)



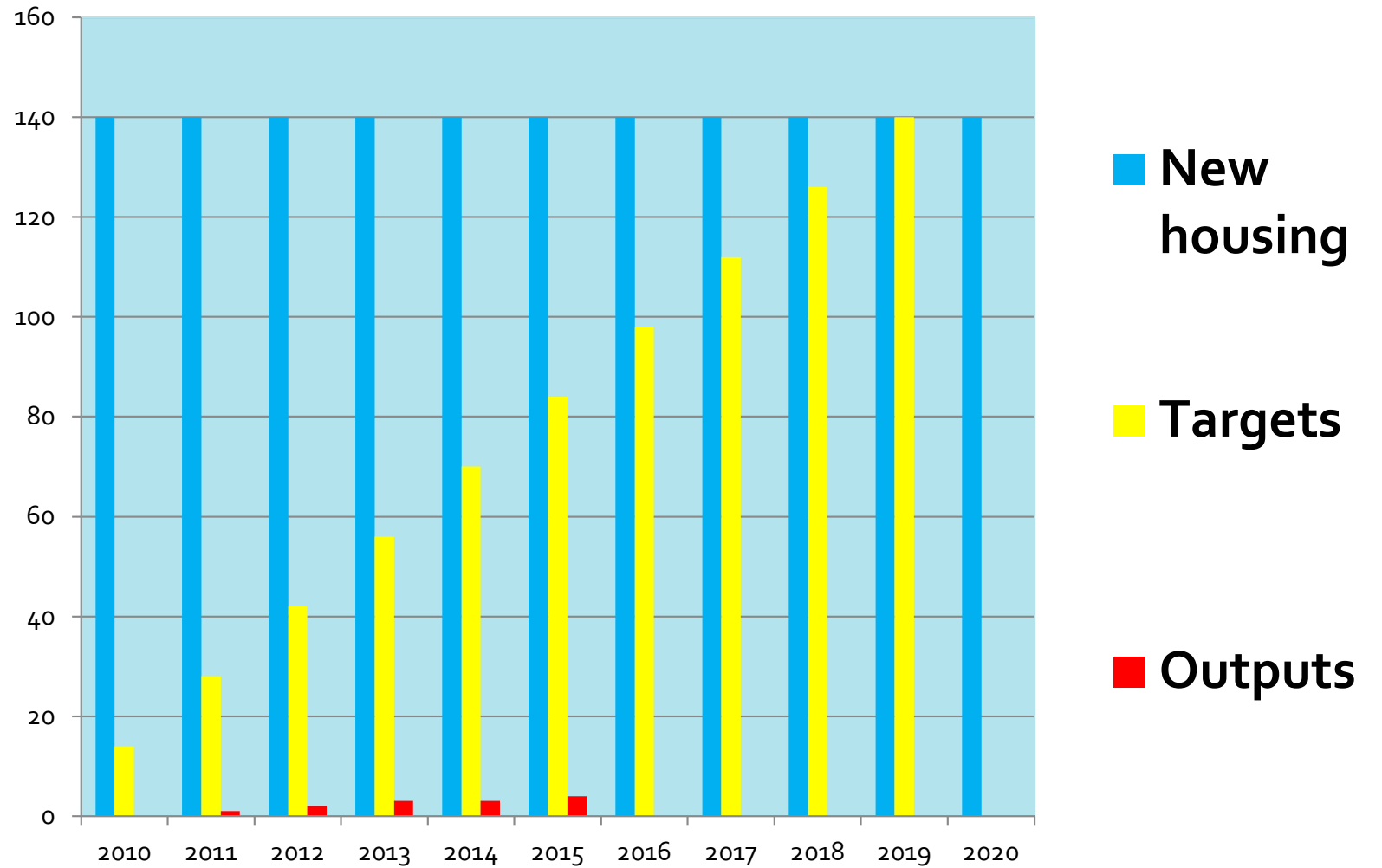
2015

Review by ANUHD & RIA

"The current voluntary approach will achieve less than 5% of the National Dialogue's 2020 target."



2015



2016

Proposal to Standards Australia

Review of **AS4299-1995** Adaptable housing
to align with
2010-2020 National Disability Strategy

(ANUHD & RIA, 2016)



Solicited support

Australian Network for Universal Housing Design
Australian Council of Social Service
Australian Cross Disability Alliance
Australian Federation of Disability Organisations
Australian Human Rights Commission
Australian Institute of Architects
Australian Institute of Building Surveyors
Australian Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Association
Blind Citizens Australia
Building Designers Association
Centre for Universal Design Australia
Children with Disability Australia
City Futures UNSW
COTA Australia
Economic Security for Women
Eric Martin and Associates
Every Australian Counts
Home Design for Living
Home Modifications Australia
John Deshon Pty Ltd
Lifemark (New Zealand)
Angela Roennfeldt
Michael Small Consulting

National Disability Services
National Ethnic Disability Alliance
National Foundation for Australian Women
National Rural Women's Coalition
National Shelter
Occupational Therapy Australia
Physical Disability Council Australia
pm&d architects
Rights & Inclusion Australia
Summer Foundation
Women with Disabilities Australia
Young People in Nursing Homes National Alliance
National Disability Insurance Agency
Australian Local Government Association
Grocon
Modular Building Industry Association Australia
Property Council of Australia
Urban Development Institute of Association
Master Builders Association
Lendlease
Livable Housing Australia
Housing Industry Association
Association of Consultants in Access Australia

Unsolicited support

Access Designs
Access2Place Housing
Action for More Independence & Dignity in Accommodation
ADACAS
architecture.access.advocacy
Ausco Modular P/L
Australian Disability and Indigenous People's Education Fund
Berry Street - Northern Family & Domestic Violence Service
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Catholic Health Australia
Council to Homeless Persons
Dante Della Cruz Architects P/L
Deaf Access Barwon SW
Dignity for Disability
Disability Consultancy Services Pty Ltd
Disability Justice Advocacy Inc
Domestic Violence Victoria
Dr Rhonda Galgally AO
Ecclesia Housing
Eco-Effective Design
Egress Group
Enabled Quality Living
Equality Rights Alliance
Georgina Martina Inc
Gillian McPhee and Associates
Grampions Disability Advocacy
I 4 Development P/L
Integrated Design Group Pty. Ltd

Lecturer, Deakin University
Mark Golden Architects
Melbourne Social Equity Institute | Melbourne Law School
MetroAccess Moreland City Council
MiLife Victoria
MOIRA
Moorabool Shire Council
Mpower
NDS Victoria
No to Violence/Men's Referral Service
People with Disability (WA) Inc
People with Disability ACT
Public Advocate Qld
QAUHD
QCOSS
Qld HREOC
Queensland Advocacy Inc
Queenslanders with Disability Network
SCOPE (Aust) P/L
St Laurence Community Services
State Architect (Qld)
Trish Lapsley occupational therapy & access consultancy services
Universal Design and Access Consultants
VALID
Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner
WIRE Womens Information
Women with Disabilities Victoria
Women's Health and Wellbeing (Barwon SW Inc)

2016

Refused

"...due to lack of support from the residential construction sector."



2016

Proposal for Change to National Construction Code

To provide for accessibility in all new housing to ensure:

- reliable national standard for accessibility in newly constructed housing; and
- the 2020 targets are met.

(ANUHD & RIA, 2016)



2016

Refused

"...this is a policy rather than a technical matter, which will require resolution at [the COAG] level..."



2017

Building Ministers Forum

*“A national Regulatory Impact Assessment [is to be] be undertaken **as soon as possible** to consider applying a minimum accessibility standard for private dwellings in Australia.”*



2017

Australian Building Codes Board

- Unable to complete within the 2020 timeline.
- No changes to NCC until 2022.

(Savery, 2017)



2017

Building Ministers Forum

“State and Territory Governments have made progress towards increasing the stock of universal and accessible housing.”



2017

New South Wales	“A range of initiatives have been implemented to encourage and increase the supply of accessible housing by both the public and private sector.”
Victoria	I have written to the Premier to advocate for a national Regulatory Impact Assessment.
Queensland	No response
South Australia	No response
Western Australia	“Advice from industry [says] there is no market failure . . . Industry was unable to provide any statistical data.”
Tasmania	“We are confident that the number of homes built [with] Universal Access Standard is increasing steadily.”
ACT	No response
NT	No response



Next steps?

Prime Minister has written to each COAG member seeking their support.

ANUHD has advocated for 2020 target

All supporting documents
are available on
ANUHD website
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