

Universal design in all new housing: Keeping COAG to account

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2007



United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

- Right to inclusion and participation in family and community life
- Right to choose where and with whom you live
- Adoption of universal design to avoid need for adaptation

2010

National Dialogue on Universal Housing Design



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



2012



Targets for 2020



Private housing



Social housing

(NDUHD, 2010)

Universal design in housing



Step-free access to
dwelling



One level entry

Universal design in housing



Straight stair
against a wall



Wider doors and
corridors

Universal design in housing



Accessible toilet on
entry level



Step-free shower

Universal design in housing



Step-free transitions



Reinforcement in walls

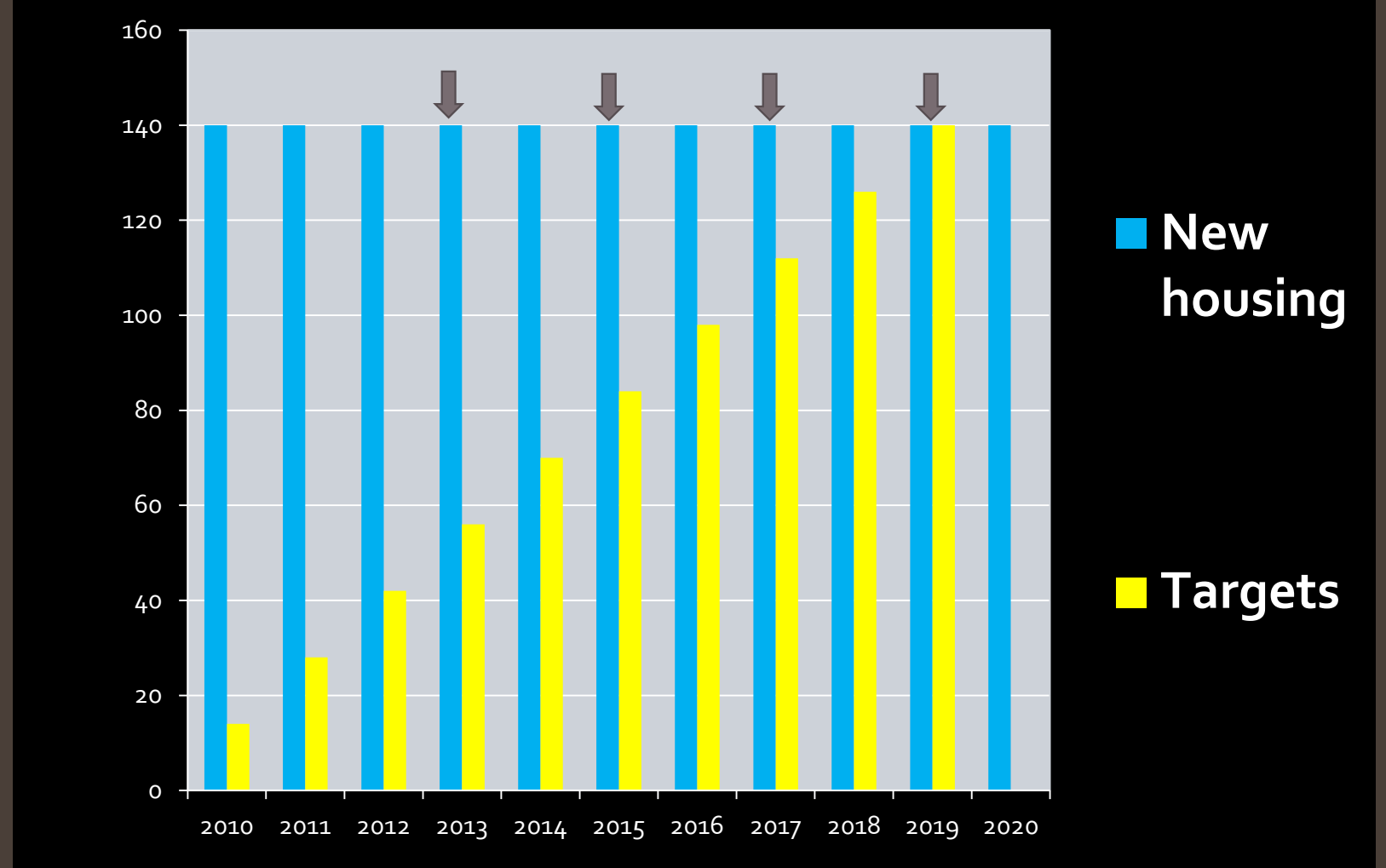
2013

*"...transparent
process and
regular reviews"*

Peter Verwer

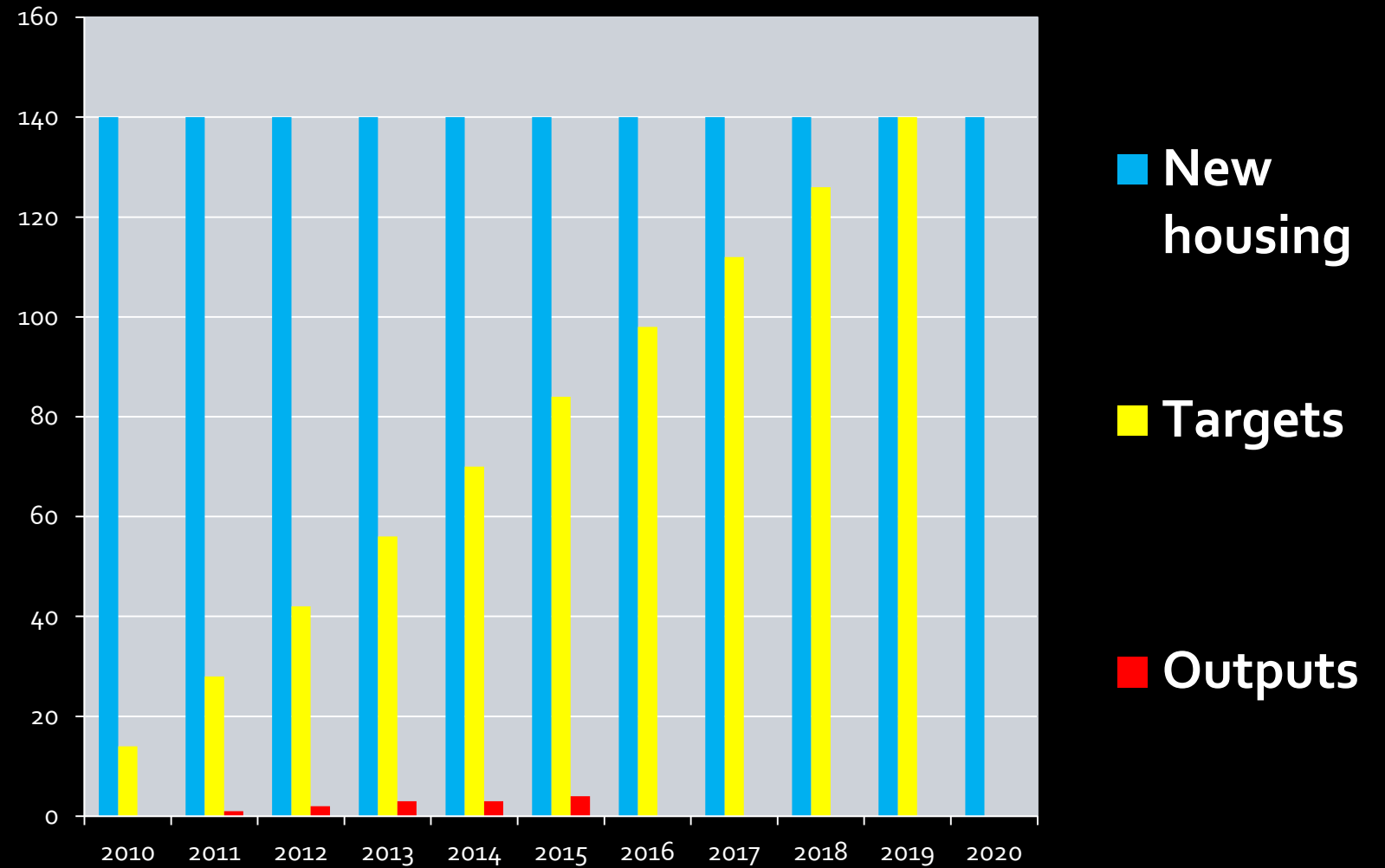
(PCA, 2010)

Regular reviews



(NDUHD, 2010)

2015



2016



Standards Australia

Proposal to update AS4299-1995 Adaptable housing

Rejected

ABCB

Proposal for Change for access in housing

Rejected

COAG interim report

No mention of Livable Housing Design

2020 target omitted

2017



Building Ministers Forum

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



2017



Australian Building Codes Board

- No changes to NCC until 2022.

**2018-
2019**



Options paper

- September 2018

Regulatory Impact Assessment

- Early 2019

2018

Who are the stakeholders?



Builders



Investors



Community



Services

(Ward & Jacob, 2016)

2018

Who are most affected?



Community



Services

(Ward & Jacob, 2016)

2018

Who are most consulted?



Builders



Investors

**2018-
2019**

**What can
you do?**

- ✓ Respond to the ABCB Options Paper
- ✓ Ask for  all new housing construction in NCC
- ✓ Attend a consultation

2018

City	Date
Canberra	Monday 15 October
Sydney	Tuesday 16 October
Perth	Friday 19 October
Adelaide	Thursday 25 October
Darwin	Friday 26 October
Brisbane	Tuesday 30 October
Melbourne	Wednesday 31 October
Hobart	Thursday 1 November

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2020-

2022

**What can
you do?**

- ✓ Remind COAG of its 2020 commitment
- ✓ Demand  for all new housing construction
- ✓ Call for an interim amendment



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