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## Opportunities for the Canadian Federal Government related to newly built homes

	Ministry of Housing	Ministry of Innovation, Science, and Industry	Natural Resources Canada	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
Affordable housing	<p>→ Ensure all Codes (building code, electrical code, etc.) are enforced during construction, including establishing a national requirement for Code enforcement.</p> <p>→ Streamline Code development (National, provincial, territorial) so that Codes are responsive to the need, e.g., related to energy and climate change</p> <p>→ Inspect homes built via the National Housing Strategy before they are occupied to ensure that the standards are met. When the standards are not</p>		<p>→ Address issues with “Energy Star Certified” program to ensure that it consistently achieves desired results</p> <p>→ Stop paying Greener Home Grants on newly built homes still under warranty; focus on building properly at the outset</p>	<p>→ Work with the Ministry of Housing to ensure all Codes are enforced during construction</p> <p>→ Work with the Ministry of Housing to streamline Code development (National, provincial, territorial) so that Codes are responsive to the need, e.g., related to energy and climate change</p> <p>→ Work with the Ministry of Housing to inspect homes built via the National Housing Strategy before they are occupied to ensure that the standards are met. When the standards are not met, ensure that the construction defects/Code violations are properly repaired before the homes are occupied.</p> <p>→ Work with Natural Resources Canada to</p>

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Enhance Consumer Protection		→ Establish an independent Canadian Consumer Advocate accountable to Parliament to advance consumer interests and represent Canadian consumers in relation to newly built homes		
Homebuyers’ Bill of Rights	→ Address serious shortage of qualified home inspectors in relation to legal right to home inspection  → Ensure that the legal right to home inspection includes newly built homes, not just resale			