



CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS ALLIANCE

Apartment Defects Campaign Update, 29 September 2021 – PLEASE SHARE

Final Budget Push

A big development has taken place in the campaign for redress, with the Minister for Finance's confirmation last night – in reply to a Parliamentary Question from Ged Nash TD – that commercial landlords (who own 60% of the country's apartments) can write off their service charges and defects levies against their tax liabilities. However, owner-occupiers, local authorities and housing associations cannot!

This unjust and unfair situation needs to end and the Alliance proposed exactly that in our Budget 2022 Submission last July. In 2022, introducing such tax breaks for owner-occupiers and social landlords would impose a maximum cost of less than €7.5 million.

The Budget is being announced on 12 October next so this next week is vital in our campaign to get some measure of redress for apartment owners. Please click on the following link <https://www.constructiondefectsalliance.ie/act/> and contact your local TDs and Senators. Get your neighbours to do so as well as friends and family. If you have already emailed them, please do so again (the email on the website is new).

Now is the time to act!

Levelling the Pitch

Tomorrow, the Green Party Housing Spokesperson, Francis Noel Duffy TD, will unveil a Bill – Defective Dwellings Bill 2021 – which is aimed at levelling the pitch between dwelling owners/OMCs and builder/developers. For those who are interested, the launch will be live streamed on the Green Party Facebook page at 11:30am <https://www.facebook.com/GreenPartyIreland/>.

Basically, the Bill if it becomes law, will impose much more onerous duties and responsibilities on builder/developers and strengthen the rights of home-owners to hold them to account for any defects in the future. The Construction Defects Alliance warmly welcomes this proposed legislation and will be doing our bit to encourage Oireachtas members to support it.