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### **NSW opens doors to on-site housing inspections and auctions**

NSW real estate agents will be able to hold property inspections and on-site auctions from next weekend after a six-week limited shutdown due to COVID-19.

NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet and the state's Minister for Health Brad Hazzard said the relaxing of restrictions was a sign of the ongoing success in limiting the spread of COVID-19, but warned there was no place for complacency, with community safety and social distancing to remain an ongoing priority.

"Choosing a home is one of the biggest decisions anybody makes, and easing the restrictions to ensure people can more easily inspect, buy or rent a property is an important step for NSW," Mr Perrottet said.

"The real estate industry has been adaptable in transitioning to online auctions, property inspections by appointment or online, and now as we make the move back to a more normal mode of operation we must ensure safety measures such as social distancing remain a key part of the process."

Minister Hazzard said these measures were vital to ensure the safety of customers, property owners and real estate staff as a more traditional face-to-face way of inspections and auctions re-commenced.

"The community has done an outstanding job in limiting the spread of COVID-19 and we need to make sure we continue to exercise vigilance and care," Mr Hazzard said.

"Real estate agents should limit the number of people viewing a property and attending an auction, follow stringent cleaning and safety guidelines, ensure clients do not touch surfaces and always have hand sanitiser available."

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