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**Planning Reform in WA**

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- The Minister released Planning Makes it Happen – A Blueprint for Planning Reform in WA
- **Key Priorities :**
  - Major Project Facilitation
  - DAP's
  - National Reform Agenda
  - Urban Land Supply & Infrastructure Coordination
  - Establishment of Regional Planning Committees
  - Strategic Plans for Land use planning



- Forward work plan for period 2009 – 2011 published 35 areas for review and/or development of new initiatives identified.
- Planning Reform Stakeholder Reference Group



## **Current Priorities**

- Approvals and Related Reforms (No 4) (Planning) Bill 2009
- Development Assessment Panels and Regulations
- MST and Regulations (inc single house approvals)
- Directions 2031, Central Area and growth corridor plans
- Structure plan reform
- Deliver measures already underway (>20)
- Activity Centres Policy and Finalisation
- Appointment of Independent Planning Reviewer



## **Current Priorities**

- Continuous COAG demands for new areas of reform (eg investigation of land banking, national broadband network etc)
- Integrating other agencies: Treasury re infrastructure, DEC and DoW re subdivision approvals, DEWHA re EPBC approvals



## On-going Work Program 2010

- National Reform Agenda – draft State Planning Strategy Discussion paper to be finalised
- Urban Land Supply & Infrastructure Coordination
- WAPC Committee Restructure – legislative changes to be presented to Parliament
- Strategic Plans for Perth & Peel – Directions 2031 & Beyond and Activity Centres SPP. Six metro and Peel Subregional Growth Management Strategies completed
- Development vision for Perth – Capital City Planning Framework Phase 2 for Inner City Suburbs to be released for public comment
- Review of WAPC Policies – ongoing



## On-going Work Program 2010

- Consultancy on Structure Plan Preparation Guidelines to be completed and published for comment
- New LPS Regulations and General Planning Scheme provisions Regulations and Structure Plan Preparation Guidelines in place
- Tracking systems for structure plan approval in place



## On-going Work Program 2010

- Single houses approval exempt – Establishment of expert advisory group to advise on changes to R Codes, formatting and/or guidance
- New LPS Regulations and General Planning Scheme provisions Regulations finalised (exempt single complying house from development approval state-wide) completed by end Sept 2010.
- More consistent state-wide planning schemes – new regulations for Stage 2 finalised
- LG reporting on development approval performance – Legislation passed and regulations in place



## On-going Work Program 2010

- Integrated assessment of current & future land released under EPBC Act – being delayed
- Strategic response to climate change – SPP 2.5 completed by end June 2010, SPP 2.6 (Coastal Planning)
- Review, reduce & simplify model subdivision conditions – revised model conditions schedule complete
- Multi unit housing code – To be finalised
- More transparent WAPC decisions



## On-going Work Program 2010

- Engineering conditions supporting subdivision – completed. First review at IPWEA State Conference (March 2010) – results yet to be collated
- Electronic referral, processing and clearance – dependent on funding for eLDP. High level eLDP design and solutions options study to be completed
- More timely and targeted Local Planning Strategies
- Integration of planning and environmental approvals and appeals – finalisation of MoU between EPA, DoP and WAPC to be completed & other major projects:
  - Perth Waterfront
  - Stirling Regional Centre