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REFORM BILL GETS TICK OF APPROVAL FROM INDUSTRY

The Urban Development Institute of Australia welcomed the introduction to State Parliament today of the *Approvals and Related Reforms (No. 4) (Planning) Bill 2009*.

“The Bill will facilitate a number of key initiatives that are part of the state government’s approvals reform agenda including the introduction of Development Assessment Panels (DAPs) and broadening the scope for Improvement Plans,” UDIA CEO Debra Goostrey said.

“The appointment of a panel of independent experts who will work with local government representatives to make key planning decisions will provide greater certainty for major projects,” Ms Goostrey said.

“This will save developers time and money which can be passed on to the consumer through more affordable development.”

“The deepening of powers in relation to Improvement Plans will assist the government in progressing projects that have been hung up by red tape,” Ms Goostrey said.

“These streamlining initiatives will help with the delivery of affordable land to meet consumer demand,” Ms Goostrey said.

“As we head into another economic growth cycle in WA the population is growing and employment security is improving dramatically. This impacts positively on demand for property,” Ms Goostrey said.

“It is important for the government to move this legislation through parliament as quickly as possible so that the reform agenda can really get underway before the property market returns to full strength,” Ms Goostrey said.

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