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DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRY WELCOMES OFFICE OF LAND AND HOUSING SUPPLY

The Urban Development Institute of Australia today welcomed the establishment of an Office of Land and Housing Supply by the Minister for Planning as part of the State budget allocation.

“Developers have had serious concerns about blockages in the system for a number of years,” UDIA CEO Debra Goostrey said.

“While the work of the Land Release Coordinator set up by the previous government identified a range of issues that impede a steady supply of land to the market, little progress has been made on unplugging the blockages.”

“The planning reform agenda that is currently under way will potentially relieve some of the pressures on the developers’ capacity to deliver land in a time efficient manner that does not result in cost blowouts,” Ms Goostrey said, “however it is not a panacea for total reform and the government’s commitment to getting to the bottom of the issue is applauded by industry.”

“It is critical that the Office of Land and Housing Supply sit within Premier and Cabinet and is given a mandate to work across government departments at the highest level,” Ms Goostrey said.

“Many of the issues of land supply relate to key government departments not talking to each other. The days of planning and decision-making in silos are gone,” she commented, “it is imperative that a whole of government approach to Perth’s urban future is adopted. Hopefully, this new office will be able to fully focus on the issues and make positive long term changes to urban land supply.”

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