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STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT WELCOMED BY UDIA

The Australian and West Australian Governments' announcement that they will carry out a strategic assessment of the Swan Coastal Plain has been welcomed by the UDIA as a much needed first step in a long process towards speeding up approvals for housing developments.

"The UDIA has been advocating strategic assessment for a long time, so it's encouraging that the two governments have now agreed on a process to do that, but we need to remember that this is just an agreement to start the process," said UDIA CEO Debra Goostrey.

"It's absolutely essential that the development industry is consulted to bring the sort of real improvements that are needed to environmental assessment processes to reduce the delays in bringing urban developments to home buyers."

"Environmental red tape is creating major delays in bringing land to the market which is costing developers, and ultimately home buyers, thousands of dollars, so it's vital that these procedures are shortened."

Ms Goostrey said that while the announcement was welcome news the process would not be quick and it was unlikely there would be any significant change in the short term.

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