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Dear Dr. Vogel

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES No.2 – Changes to Proposals after Assessment – Section 45C of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

The Urban Development Institute of Australia is pleased to support the draft ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES No.2 – Changes to Proposals after Assessment – Section 45C of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. UDIA's Environment Committee has reviewed the document and concluded that the proposed approach will simplify and clarify the assessment process going forward.

In a related matter, UDIA would like clarification from the EPA on the environmental approvals process for land zoned urban pre-1996 as the requirement for this land to be formally assessed for conservation areas under Section 48 is causing lengthy delays and uncertainty for members who are holding pre-1996 urban zoned land. It is important that the extent of pre-1996 zoned land that may be impacted by Section 48 be identified and the environmental approvals process be clear to avoid potential hold-ups that could result in land supply shortages.

UDIA recommends a meeting with EPA, Department of Planning and representatives from industry to progress this matter would be helpful and I would be pleased to coordinate this.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the guidelines and UDIA looks forward to working with the EPA in 2010.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Debra Goostrey', is positioned below the 'Yours sincerely' text. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Debra Goostrey
Chief Executive Officer