



'Simplest and most effective' planning system benchmark

27 November 2019 (Sydney, Australia) -- The Urban Development Institute of Australia NSW (UDIA NSW) welcomes NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Planning Minister Rob Stokes' announcement today for major reform to the NSW planning system.

UDIA NSW has been calling for the NSW Government, through its 'Housing the Next Generation' Policy Agenda, to overhaul the NSW planning system in an effort to deliver NSW the planning system it deserves that is rational, transparent and certain.

We commend the NSW Government for striving to set the "simplest and most effective" benchmark for planning in Australia through reducing red tape in government bureaucracies, and increasing transparency and certainty around developer contributions.

UDIA NSW has consistently called for the extension to capped infrastructure contributions. The timing of the announcement is apt given the imminent removal of capped infrastructure contributions, which could lead to levies tripling over three years.

We look forward to working with government through the consultation process for these reforms and providing a voice for the industry and home buyers.

Quotes from UDIA NSW, chief executive, Steve Mann:

"The UDIA's 'Housing the Next Generation' policy agenda has been calling for reform of this nature over the past two years."

"Developers need to have more confidence that planning process will not thwart project timelines and add unnecessary costs, especially when it comes to unlocking new supply in our regions."

"The reforms promise to reduce red tape is sorely needed to build the pipeline of housing supply to meet targets for our growing population."

"We look forward to these reforms increasing productivity and restoring confidence to the sector in 2020."

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