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Action on Planning Reform

The Housing Industry Association (HIA) has welcomed today's announcement on the Action Plan for Planning Reform for WA.

"Minister Saffioti's Action Plan outlines a number of key initiatives to be delivered that boldly address the inefficiencies and lack of transparency in the current system" said Cath Hart, Executive Director of the HIA.

"Modernisation of the Western Australian Planning system will support sound development in Western Australia and remove the red tape that hampers the efficient delivery of housing – even after more than three years of declining and stagnant activity

"The consultative approach to reforms that government has adopted will allow for the development of solutions that work for Western Australia, allowing those working with and affected by planning decisions to shape positive, functional solutions to the challenges we are seeking to overcome.

"Clear and transparent approval pathways are needed to deliver diverse housing types, particularly across existing suburbs. Development approvals need to be delivered within statutory timeframes in a manner structured to respond to the scale of the development, a process that can be made simpler by improving the consistency of planning policies that are supported with guidance for decision makers and industry.

"The Minister's Action Plan provides a pathway to achieve this outcome. HIA will continue to work with government and looks forward to seeing the solutions evolve."

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