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New approach to development contributions a welcome move

The Housing Industry Association (HIA) has welcomed moves by the Planning Minister, Rita Saffioti to steer away from the use of value capture to fund future state infrastructure.

“Value capture was touted as a potential part of the funding model for METRONET” said Cath Hart, HIA Executive Director WA.

“We are pleased the government has recognised concerns around housing affordability and identified other ways to fund future infrastructure that does not unfairly tax a small group of people who choose to buy homes close to the future train stations.

“The benefits of major infrastructure spending, like METRONET, is shared by all Western Australians, not just those living nearby. This type of infrastructure should always be funded through general taxation.

“The Commonwealth contribution to support the delivery of this service and remove the pressure to tax individual households is a win for home buyers.

“HIA is also pleased that government has revisited their policy on development contributions for local infrastructure to create greater transparency and accountability from local governments collecting funds for future local infrastructure.

“HIA looks forward to working with the Government to finalise the policy and to ensure a positive outcome for housing affordability” concluded Ms Hart.

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