

7 November 2024

The Chairman
Western Australian Planning Commission
Locked Bag 2506
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Attention: Mr David Caddy (Chairman – WAPC)

Dear David,

METROPOLITAN REGION SCHEME DRAFT CLAUSE 28 NOTICE

The Local Government Planners' Association (LGPA) is a professional association comprising local government planners and related consultants, public servants, and others, interested in the promotion of sound local planning. The LGPA has significant exposure to a range of industry issues through our members, comprising a significant local government representation.

LGPA commends the State Government for prioritising planning reform to create a more flexible, responsive, and contemporary planning system for the State.

Apologies for the lateness in this letter, hopefully it can still be taken into consideration. In relation to the key changes, we wish to provide submission as follows:

Key change	LGPA comment
Development of state or regional significance The WAPC will decide if certain developments are significant enough to require its approval.	Supported.
Land abutting regional open space or regional roads Development abutting these reserves will face new provisions, with exceptions for small-scale developments.	The exemptions are supported, however would encourage to include minor additions/alternations to existing development noting there may need to be a threshold for GFA increase and no additional traffic generated, or parking required.
Development abutting ports and railway reservations Specific rules will apply to protect these areas of strategic infrastructure.	Would encourage the use of more exemptions if possible such as that listed above.
Activity centres and strategic industrial areas Updated processes will apply, including new thresholds for decision-making.	Supported.
Public works Updated provisions for public works.	Supported, however clarification should be made on the existing exceptions for public works

	through footnote or the like to avoid any confusion (i.e. LG works).
Non-conforming uses Updated changes to non-conforming uses.	Supported.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this change to the Western Australian Planning framework and see it as a great improvement. We would welcome any opportunity to discuss our comments further with the Department and or WAPC, especially in relation to proposed Local Government delegations.

Should you require any further advice or information, please contact Kate Bainbridge, Joslin Colli or Karsen Reynolds by email president@planningwa.com

Yours faithfully,



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