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Dear Sally

Performance Indicators Discussion Paper - October 2018

The Housing Industry Association (HIA) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed Performance Indicators discussion paper and congratulates the work undertaken to provide a more efficient planning system.

HIA supports the stated benefits of a new scheme to monitor the proposed planning scheme and particularly acknowledges the more efficient and accurate collection of information through the ePlanning solution.

Key areas of concern for the HIA are as follows:-

The annual Planning Report to the Minister should be derived from data on council performance collected independent of councils. The report should provide measurable and accountable targets for performance with penalties applied for poor performance.

The Annual Report Card on the Planning Strategy for South Australia should include provision for a Ministers review of the six targets within the 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide.

Land Supply and Development Monitoring data provided by DPTI should provide information that gives “real life” assessment of existing developable land, i.e. not including land that has no real possibility of development. (Church, organisations, charities, privately owned institutionalised land).

The introduction of the ePlanning Portal provides an opportunity to monitor and report. In addition to the proposed likely inclusions noted, the following should be included:-

- Monitoring of owner builders, including for example number of projects completed;
- Details of registered supervisor;
- Lodgement of Statement of Compliance;
- Confirmation of Statutory Home Owner Warranty Insurance.

To ensure transparency, industry to have access to data via the portal;

The new system should provide for mandatory monitoring of costs of assessment relative to the existing system and into the future to ensure cost effectiveness should be included.

HIA maintains that one of the overarching principals of the Planning Reform process should be that any new initiatives should not come at the cost of a negative impact on housing affordability. To ensure this is achieved, a cost benefits analysis should be undertaken as a priority to identify the impact of any initiative on residential building and land supply.

Yours sincerely

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