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Please find attached comments from the Town of Kwinana in relation to the Inquiry into the Future Directions of Social Housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

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To Whom It May Concern:

FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF SOCIAL HOUSING

As the Town of Kwinana is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Western Australia with a new family moving into the Town every 11 hours, we would like to contribute to the Inquiry into the Future Directions of Social Housing.

Here at the Town of Kwinana we acknowledge that growth areas (in particular those with lower land costs) will no doubt have a strong presence of social housing in comparison to the more established inner city suburbs. As such, we feel that there is a strong need for levels of State/Federal government and non government service provision to be commensurate with the social housing levels present in the community, and for accessibility to those services to be maximised.

Ideally these services, including good public transport links, health and community support services and facilities, early childhood services, and education facilities should be established and delivered at the same time as the residents are being located into the new areas. The typical lag that has occurred in the past in the provision of services and infrastructure to new communities has resulted in young families moving into areas with no support. They have quickly become isolated and disconnected, thereby seriously impacting on their quality of life. Timely provision of services and infrastructure is essential for vibrant and connected communities to develop.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment to the Inquiry. If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me on 9439 0423.

Yours sincerely

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