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Dr Gordon,

In response to the request for comments on the Terms of Reference, the City of Armadale offers the following advice:

- The Terms of Reference needs to address the required follow up support and services for disadvantaged individuals in their criteria for selecting sites and managing existing sites.
- The decision making process for locating social housing is often dominated by the price of land/housing construction in selecting sites, rather than the ongoing costs/implications for the disadvantaged persons and any potential impacts on nearby communities/residents.
- The Terms of Reference don't discuss or raise any potential impacts of social housing on existing communities or how such potential conflicts could be avoided or planned to be managed.
- The Terms of Reference should also consider where there is a large portion of social housing in an area and recommend investigations into how to achieve a more balanced community.
- It be clear that there should be no shift of State Government responsibilities to Local Government. Whilst LG may assist in addressing the issue (i.e. we do some initiatives), the State Government is primarily responsible.

Kind regards,

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