



Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands

Our Ref: 72-07538
Your Ref: Petition No. 036

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Dear Mr Swinbourne

PETITION NO.036 - JOINT DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANELS

Thank you for your letter of 7 December 2017 regarding Petition No. 036 - Joint Development Assessment Panels (DAPs).

I am committed to reviewing certain aspects of the DAP system to create a more strategic and streamlined planning system that is open and understandable to everyone. As you may be aware, a planning reform team, led by highly experienced town planner Evan Jones, has been appointed to deliver improvements to Western Australia's planning system. One of the objectives of the reform team includes responding to community concerns about the accessibility, accountability and transparency of DAPs.

The reform team is expected to report on its findings and options, which may be recommended to the Minister for Planning later in 2018. In addition to any DAP system recommendations, the key outcomes for the planning system more broadly include:

- providing clear links between strategic, city, regional and local plans;
- empowering communities with the knowledge of what is permissible to be built in their area; and
- supporting community engagement in the planning process.

There will be an opportunity for the community to provide feedback on the planning system, including the operation of the DAPs, as part of this reform process.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
MINISTER FOR PLANNING**

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