



Hon Peter Tinley AM MLA
Minister for Housing; Veterans Issues; Youth

Your Ref: Petition No.040
Our Ref: 73-03580

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
4 Harvest Terrace
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Dear Mr Swinbourn *Mat,*

Thank you for your letter regarding petition no 040 – Multi-unit developments in the City of Joondalup. Please accept my apology for the delay in responding to you.

I understand that the petitioners are seeking to halt all grouped and multiple dwelling approvals over R30 density within the City of Joondalup's Housing Opportunity Areas. I understand that they are seeking a further review by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) as well as additional community consultation, while the City of Joondalup concurrently progresses scheme amendments to some of the Housing Opportunity Areas. If it has not done so already, I suggest that the Committee should consider referring this petition to the Minister for Planning who has Ministerial responsibility for the WAPC.

As Minister for Housing, I can appreciate the concern of the community, when developments are proposed that are not sensitive to their context. While I accept that there can be a risk of higher density infill development, it is possible to design apartments in a manner that is consistent with the scale, bulk and architectural language of the surrounding existing built-form. I believe that this is the case in a number of recent excellent apartment developments undertaken by the Department of Communities in Willagee, through close collaboration with the community and City of Melville.

Accordingly, I do not support the halting of any development approvals, as community concerns might be more appropriately and transparently addressed by subsequent planning scheme amendments. However, I do see an exciting opportunity for the City of Joondalup to focus on policy tools to assist guide apartment development outcomes that are appropriate to their location. I am also confident that the introduction of the Design WA "Apartment Design Code" will provide additional guidance and support in this regard.

Yours sincerely


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