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Dear Mr Kosova,

### **Policy No. 7.7.2 – Car Sharing**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the City of Vincent's Policy No. 7.7.2 – Car Sharing. The Property Council of Australia commends the City of Vincent for taking the initiative and promoting sustainable access options in new and existing developments.

The Property Council is the peak industry group for the WA property sector. Many of our members include developers and associated businesses that help to create the buildings that will accommodate car sharing arrangements, particularly in the City of Vincent.

The Property Council broadly supports the introduction of car sharing arrangements, but would like to draw the City of Vincent's attention to two matters in the proposed policy that will have a detrimental effect on the introduction and uptake of car sharing.

Clause 3.2.3 New Developments (b) of the policy states

Where one or more visitor bays are to be used as car share spaces, the development provides not less than five (5) on-site visitor car bays for every one (1) car share space created.

The Property Council is concerned that requiring such a high visitor parking ratio per car share space for all new developments may not be plausible and will actively discourage developers from including a car share space in smaller developments. More flexibility around this requirement is essential for this policy to succeed. The Property Council suggests a lower ratio (fewer than 5 onsite visitor car bays for every 1 car share space) would be more practical.

The Property Council would also recommend a mechanism be introduced in relation to Requirement 8 in Appendix 1 that allows for flexibility to be applied on a case by case basis, as there can be extenuating circumstances where a car will be needed to be used for more than one day.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Graham Hansen at 9426 1223 or at [ghansen@propertycouncil.com.au](mailto:ghansen@propertycouncil.com.au).

Kind regards,

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