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Local Government Role and Responsibility in the Decision-Making Process for Single Houses

The Property Council of Australia - WA Division welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the role and responsibility of local governments in the decision-making process for single houses.

The Property Council of Australia

The Property Council of Australia is the peak industry body representing the whole of the property industry. In Australia, the Property industry employs more than 1.4 million Australians and shapes the future of our communities and cities.

This submission is informed by many of the Property Council's key member representatives and expert committee members.

Timeframe for single house approvals

The Property Council supports the proposed changes outlined in Draft Local Planning Scheme Amendment Regulations No.3 which provides that approvals for single houses must be assessed by an authorised employee of the local government.

The Property Council has previously advocated for improvement to the planning system that professionalises decision making by removing elected officials from the development approval process.

Whilst the Property Council is supportive of the proposed Amendments, it believes reducing the assessment timeline would be beneficial to further streamline the approval process.

The current timeframe for a local government authority to determine non-advertised applications is **60 days**. The Property Council recommends that this timeline be reduced to **30 days**, noting that this will expedite the delivery of crucial housing across Perth.

Next steps

If you require further information or clarification, please contact Lindsay Duncan, WA Policy Advisor at 0404 450 881 or lduncan@propertycouncil.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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