

Media Release

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UDIA Elects New National President

Cameron Shephard has been elected the new National President of the Urban Development Institute of Australia, the peak body representing Australia's development industry.

Mr Shephard is a director of Perth based development firm Amex Corporation, and comes to the role with extensive development industry experience in a number of states.

He has a long standing commitment to UDIA, serving on both the UDIA Western Australian and National Councils for many years, and recently serving as both UDIA Western Australian President and UDIA National Vice President.

Under Mr Shephard's leadership, UDIA will work to address Australia's housing affordability crisis by advocating for state and federal governments to take actions to improve the supply of land for housing, fund more investment in critical urban infrastructure, and reduce unfair and unnecessary costs imposed on new housing and the development industry.

"For a number of years Australia has experienced a significant and ongoing shortage of affordable housing, which is likely to get worse with inaction. I intend to use my term as UDIA President to work with the Federal Government to drive a national housing reform agenda, to address this critical issue," said Mr Shephard.

"It is essential that the Government recognises the importance of the property development industry, which is one of the key drivers of growth in the Australian economy. Research undertaken by Property Insights shows that property development is responsible for 975,000 full time jobs, and 7.3% of national economic output."

"With the Federal Budget under increasing strain, and the broader Australian economy on increasingly shaky footings, improving housing affordability and increasing development activity will be both more important and more difficult than ever."

"Nevertheless, I'm optimistic that UDIA and the development industry can rise to the challenge," concluded Mr Shephard.

The members of the newly elected UDIA National Executive are:

National President – **Cameron Shephard**

Vice-President – **Michael Corcoran**

Vice-President – **Stuart Moseley**

Treasurer – **Brent Hailey**
Secretary – **Ian Marker**
Immediate Past-President – **Julie Katz**

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