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UDIA Welcomes Government Response to Competition Policy Review

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) has warmly welcomed the Government's response to the Harper Review of Competition policy, and in particular, has applauded the Government's support for reform to planning and zoning regulations.

"In most Australian cities, the supply of new land for residential development is heavily constrained by restrictive zoning controls and inefficient regulations," said UDIA National President Cameron Shephard.

"This has reduced the productivity of our cities, restricted the supply of new housing and has resulted in worsening housing affordability around the country at a time when households are already under great pressure."

"Having made a submission to Competition Policy Review outlining these points, we were pleased to see the Review recommend planning and zoning regulation reform to make planning systems simpler, more consistent, flexible, and transparent," he said.

"It is pleasing to see that the Government has endorsed the Report's recommendations in this area, and is willing to work with state and territory governments to assist them in reforming their planning and zoning regulations in a way that will improve competition, lift productivity, and drive economic growth," concluded Mr Shephard.

UDIA's submission to the Review of Competition Policy can be accessed [here](#).

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