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Town of Mosman Park response to 'Have Your Say – A National Urban Policy for Australia'

The Town of Mosman Park (Town) thanks you for releasing the draft National Urban Policy for nation-wide consultation and appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed National Urban Policy for Australia.

Town Context

In the interests of providing some context for the response of the Town, we are a Metropolitan Local Government located within Perth, Western Australia. At the last census our population totalled approximately 9,000 residents within approximately 4,000 houses. Land within the Town is predominantly residential in nature, and the Town has limited commercial land and no industrial land. We cover a total area of approximately four square kilometres.

The Town is located 'between river and sea' as it sits directly adjacent to the Swan River and the Indian Ocean and contains a high proportion of local and regional open space. Our community have indicated that the Town should prioritise urban greening.

The Town's Socio-Economic Index for All Areas (SEIFA index) of the 2021 census indicates that it is one of the most advantaged areas as a whole, however when broken down into Statistical Areas we do contain locations of lesser advantage, likely due to the areas of supported social housing adjacent to Stirling Highway.

Given the above, the Town finds itself in a unique position in that it is seeking to advocate both for the highly advantaged and the highly disadvantaged population within a very small geographic area.

Response to National Urban Policy

Following review of the draft National Urban Policy and supported by the context provided above the Town is pleased to provide the following comments:

State of the Cities Snapshot

The Town acknowledges the information contained within the snapshot however queries the 10.5% decline in dwelling approvals since 2020 and the appropriateness of the data in this space. During the Covid-19 pandemic the Western Australia Government and Australian Government provided homeowners with numerous building grants in an effort to boost the economy and drive housing development, leading to a significant increase in approvals.





With the conclusion of the pandemic came the conclusion of these grants and an overall reduction in development applications. The Town considers that this reduction in development approvals may be the market returning to a 'business as usual' status and requests that the data in this section be reviewed against pre-Covid figures to fully determine if there is a downward trend, or simply a response to a lack of funding for builds.

Shared Vision

The Town supports the intent of the document to develop a shared vision across all state and territory governments. Having one shared vision will guide the Country to move forward as a whole, rather than having governments 'move away' from each other immediately.

The Five Goals

The Town supports the five goals of Liveable, Equitable, Productive, Sustainable, and Resilient, and has already commenced integrating these goals into its local framework through the creation of the following documents:

- Sustainability Strategy;
- Public Open Space Strategy; and,
- Bicycle Infrastructure Policy.

The Town will also seek to action these goals in the creation of its new Local Planning Strategy which is currently under review.

Objectives and Actions

The Town supports the objectives and actions that have been developed under the five goals, with a particular emphasis on any actions that achieve the following:

- Housing affordability;
- Housing sustainability;
- Urban greening;
- Child safety;
- Transit Oriented Development and the reduction in the primacy of the private car; and,
- Greenhouse emission reduction.

Overall, the Town is supportive of the content of the draft National Urban Policy and looks forward to its implementation and the positive impact it will have on Australia.

Should you have any questions relating to the above response, please don't hesitate to contact me on lharris@mosmanpark.wa.gov.au or via phone at 9383 6600.

Kind regards,





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