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Hon Vickie Chapman MP
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By email: AttorneyGeneral@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

Update on the Future Living Code Amendment

I write to update you, as Minister for Planning and Local Government, on the intended amendment to the Planning and Design Code (the Code) by the State Planning Commission (the Commission) regarding cohousing ('future living').

The proposed Code Amendment is identified as an important work priority in the Commission's 2021 Work Plan, which was provided to you earlier in the year. I am therefore writing to confirm that the Commission has now initiated this important Code Amendment.

The Code Amendment seeks to facilitate the delivery of a new model of shared housing or 'cohousing', which responds to existing context and incorporates high design quality.

The Code Amendment will affect established residential areas within the City of Unley, Town of Walkerville, Campbelltown City Council, City of Burnside and City of Prospect. The Commission will also write to other councils during the pre-engagement process to seek interest in applying the new policy more broadly to residential areas in South Australia as part of the Code Amendment.

While the Commission has now initiated this Code Amendment, it has also written to the five current participating councils (as mentioned above) seeking their support prior to moving forward with detailed investigations and the preparation of the Code Amendment for public consultation.

As part of this written support, the Commission will also be requiring that these councils provide a strong commitment to take the lead in consulting their communities on this amendment.

Subject to this written support/commitment being provided, the Commission will then look to provide further advice to you on the Code Amendment.

For further information, please contact Ms Anita Allen, Director, Planning & Development, Planning & Land Use Services, Attorney-General's Department, on 08 7109 7099 or via email: Anita.Allen@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen R. Dyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H' and 'D'.

Helen Dyer
Chair