



We're working for Western Australia.

Action Plan for Planning Reform

Better planning, better places

The Action Plan for Planning Reform has been released to ensure the Western Australian planning system sustains liveability and continues to deliver great outcomes and great places for Western Australians.

The Action Plan sets out three overarching goals and 19 reform initiatives to achieve these aims and assist in achieving the State Government's priorities. The Action Plan has been informed by consultation with stakeholders, advice from the Western Australian Planning Commission and the recommendations of the Independent Planning Reviewer.

The State Government's goals for the planning system:

The Action Plan reflects the State Government's priority to deliver transformational projects such as METRONET and ensure liveable environments, well-connected communities and more housing choice.



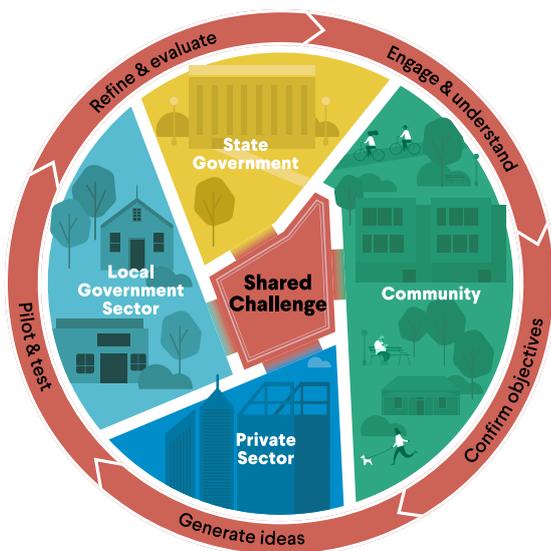
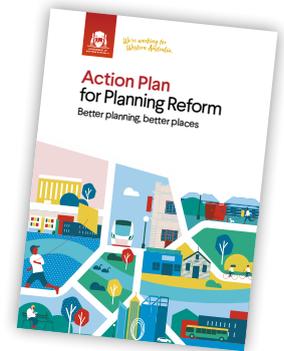
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The Action Plan sets out a roadmap for reform. Implementation will be a collaborative process, with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and WAPC working with the community, private sector, local government and other State agencies to shape many of the reform initiatives.

This will include stakeholder reference and working groups, and pilot projects to test ideas. Broader stakeholder and community consultation will also be undertaken as required.



Action Plan at a glance

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Addressing impediments to achieving consolidated growth, with processes that make it easier to develop places that are well-connected, provide housing choice and diversity, and offer a great quality of life.

- Policy, guidance and review processes deliver good design
- Collaborative district-level planning enables delivery of strategic priorities
- Integrated land use and transport planning facilitates development and activation of urban corridors
- New arrangements for infrastructure unlock investment in consolidated growth and housing choice

Planning is easier to understand and navigate



A better-organised planning system with clear strategic direction and guidance, which provides everyone with the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to planning for the future of their community.

- Strategic planning guides and informs plan-making and decision-making
- Clear and concise guidance assists users of the planning system
- An online planning portal improves access to information
- Consistent engagement and consultation processes improve community understanding and awareness
- Legible local planning frameworks provide clear strategic direction

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New ways of working to simplify the planning system, reduce timeframes and provide more clarity and certainty for stakeholders and the wider community.

- Pre-lodgement advice facilitates better outcomes
- More robust DAP process promotes consistency in decision-making
- Local planning schemes are more consistent but able to respond to local circumstances
- Risk-based pathways reduce timeframes for simple proposals
- Improved structure and precinct planning frameworks ensure tools are fit-for-purpose
- Consistent development assessment processes deliver good practice
- A more efficient and strategically-focused WAPC
- Data collected to assess performance and inform policy



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