

## ***Media Statement***

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### **New aged care and Indigenous healing centres at close of Part 17**

An aged care facility and ground-breaking South West Indigenous healing and training project are the latest significant developments approved as the Part 17 pathway comes to a close.

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) today approved the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> proposals via the Part 17 route, representing a total value of \$3.7 billion in projects.

The temporary pathway closes to new development applications on 29 December before the new Part 11 permanent pathway for significant developments opens next year. Part 11 proposals will also be determined by the WAPC.

Commission members approved a \$90 million, 160-bed residential aged care facility with supported independent living and wellness centres which repurposes the historic Woodside House building in East Fremantle.

They also approved the \$40 million Karla Waangkiny centre on the Forrest Highway in Myalup, a national pilot project offering training and cultural healing opportunities to Indigenous people who have been involved in the criminal justice system.

The centre, which includes a tourism component, aims to help participants break intergenerational cycles of trauma and avoid re-engagement in the criminal justice system.

The Commission today considered submissions and depositions concerned about the location of both facilities near residents, with residents near the aged care facility concerned about its height in a neighbourhood setting.

The State Design Review Panel advised the development's refined, elegant and contemporary design approach would sit well within the residential setting and enhance the character and prominence of Woodside House.

Other applications approved since the Part 17 pathway opened in July 2020 include the State's first children's hospice in Swanbourne, the Sam Kerr Football Centre in Queens Park and major expansions of Westfield Booragoon and Cockburn Gateway shopping centres.

There are currently 24 applications with a potential value of \$2.5 billion yet to be determined under Part 17, with more applications expected by the 29 December deadline.

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Development applications lodged by the deadline will continue to be assessed and determined under Part 17, and the pathway will continue to accept Form 17C applications to amend approved developments.

**Comments attributed to WAPC Chairman David Caddy:**

“The Woodside aged care and Karla Waangkiny Indigenous healing centres are both significant projects that are needed in the Western Australian community and will make a positive contribution to the State.

“The Commission is pleased to have played a role in all 31 significant projects it has approved to date and is looking forward to playing a continuing role in encouraging high-calibre significant developments around the State through the remaining Part 17 and the new Part 11 proposals.”

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