



1. Overview

While the State Government's *Action Plan for Planning Reform* outlines our reform approach, we are bringing forward a number of these measures as part of COVID-19 economic recovery plans, together with introducing a new development application process for significant projects. These reforms will be implemented through legislation, regulations and policy.

Planning & Development Act 2005

Key Reforms

- Focus on strategic planning
- New process for significant projects
- Reconcile conflicting approval processes
- Simplify Region Scheme and State Planning Policy processes

Planning & Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015

Key Reforms

- Cut red tape
- Support small business
- Deliver key planning reforms through local planning frameworks
- Improve consultation and engagement processes

Planning & Development (Development Assessment Panel) Regulations 2011

Key Reforms

- Improve governance
- Clarify processes
- Ongoing ability to deal with significant projects and significant precincts
- Greater consistency and transparency

State Planning Policies

Key Reforms

- Finalise Precinct Design policy
- Finalise Medium Density policy
- Review of R Codes Volume 1 (residential)¹
- Bring forward reviews of policies guiding Activity Centres and Liveable Neighbourhoods

¹ R-Codes are a set of density and design standards that apply to all residential development in Western Australia. R-Codes use a numbering system to give a general idea of what can be built, and where, and how many dwellings can be developed per hectare to ensure development is consistent in an area.