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Dear Sir

REVIEW OF CITY OF FREMANTLE LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 4

I refer to your letter dated 5 March 2020 regarding the review of Scheme No. 4.

The WAPC has considered the report of review scheme under regulation 67 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*, and advises, in relation to the Report's recommendations, that the Commission:

1. agrees that Local Planning Scheme No. 4 is acceptable in the short term, subject to further amendment. However:
 - a. only amendments comprising updates and/or that improve the regulatory compliance of LPS 4 are to be progressed in the short term; and
 - b. the strategic intent for land use within the City is to be clarified through a local planning strategy process prior to other scheme amendments being progressed;
2. disagrees that the City of Fremantle Local Planning Strategy be reviewed and updated as proposed, and request the City prepare a new local planning strategy in accordance with Part 3 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* as a priority; and
3. foreshadows that the finalisation of a local planning strategy may trigger the need to prepare a new local planning scheme, notwithstanding point 1 above.

The following reasons are given in relation to the above:

- the strategic intent for land use within the City requires clarification, particularly given that many of the issues proposed to be addressed by the City through scheme amendments should be considered strategically in the first instance;
- the City's current local planning strategy is nearly 20 years old;
- it is a regulatory requirement that the City has a WAPC-endorsed local planning strategy for LPS 4; and
- an up-to-date local planning strategy will be instrumental in determining the longer-term suitability of LPS 4.

Pursuant to regulation 67(2) the City of Fremantle is required to publish the report and the Commission's decision on your website, and have a copy of both available at your office for inspection.

Once the information has been published on your website, please advise the WAPC of the date of publication, and provide a link to the published information to schemes@dplh.wa.gov.au.

Please direct any queries about this matter to Tristram French on 6551 9340 or Tristram.French@dplh.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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