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Daley: Back to Councils, Back to Politics

UDIA NSW Chief Executive, Steve Mann, today, criticised Labor’s proposal to eliminate Pre-Gateway Reviews.

Pre-Gateway Reviews were introduced in 2012 as a measure to improve integrity and planning for spot rezoning.

Mr Mann said “There are instances where the planning system is politicised, the independent review of a proposal based on planning merit is essential to allow trust and integrity in the planning system.

“It is critical that experts are involved in assessing planning merit and consistency with Sydney’s strategic planning that has been endorsed through consultative public processes.

“The spot rezoning process creates a conversation about the future of a site in the context of strategic plans and changing contexts and priorities.

The Rezoning Review can also be triggered where a council has delayed a response or not made a decision with a 90-day period.

“This ensures that councils are unable to leave proposals in limbo and are required to assess proposals in a timely manner” said Mr Mann.

“The community and the applicant want planning decisions to be resolved efficiently and based on planning merit, as this ensures predictability and integrity in the planning system.

“The announcement today will lead to delays and the re-politicisation of planning decisions.

“These delays will add costs to a new home and will jeopardise the opportunity for the next generation to buy a home.”

“Our campaign, housing the next generation, is bringing these issues more to all parties to maintain an efficient and equitable Sydney.”

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