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### **HDA planning pathway- the gold standard in addressing the housing supply crisis**

Acting CEO of Urban Taskforce, Stephen Fenn, today said that there were 86,700 reasons in support of the ongoing effort of the State Government in addressing the housing supply crisis through the Housing Delivery Authority's State Significant Development pathway.

Since the program was announced late last year, the Minister for Planning has declared 240 projects, representing some 86,700 potential homes, as State Significant.

This week a further 26 projects, representing potentially 7,700 new homes, were declared State Significant.

The first 7 months of the program has proven successful in going to the market to gauge housing projects that were ready to go. Urban Taskforce had called for this type of program and it is pleasing to see that it is delivering. The HDA has become the gold standard in terms of meeting the housing supply crisis.

The HDA pathway is NSW's best chance of meeting the National Housing Accord's target of 377,000 housing completions by June 2029.

The timelines and volumes so far are encouraging - already 85 projects have had Secretary Environmental Assessment Requirements issued and seven Development Applications have been lodged.

We have seen a good mix of housing typologies declared State Significant – infill, greenfield proposal in Sydney's west, along with some significant regional projects.

The key now is to convert these declarations into lodge DAs and then to ensure the Department assesses applications within their established timeframes.

But the HDA and its State Significant planning pathway are clearly demonstrating their worth – unlocking high value and high yield projects that could have otherwise foundered with local councils.

*The comments above can be attributed to **Stephen Fenn**, A/CEO, Urban Taskforce.*

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