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## Variations and changes to complying development

I write in relation to the proposed new complying development variations pathway and changes to complying development standards in the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008* (Codes SEPP).

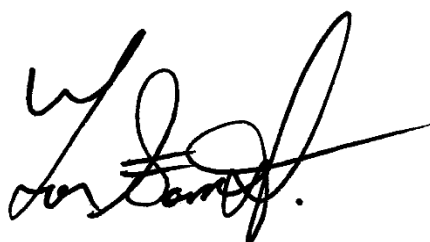
Urban Taskforce Australia appreciates the Department's intent to make the planning system faster, fairer, and more outcomes focused through initiatives such as these proposed variations and changes to the Codes SEPP. We support the proposed variations.

We welcome the intent of these changes which are to ensure a streamlined approvals for low risk, low impact development by introducing greater flexibility within the existing complying development framework.

The EIE states that purpose of these changes is to cut red tape, speed up the assessment of low-risk, low-impact development, and give applicants greater certainty of assessment timelines. We welcome these proposals and the philosophy that underpins them.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this submission further, please call our Economist and Planning Analyst, the other William Hughes, on 0418 286 530 or via email [will@urbantaskforce.com.au](mailto:will@urbantaskforce.com.au)

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