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Department of
**Housing, Local Government,
Planning and Public Works**

To whom it may concern

I am writing to inform you about the recent amendments to the planning framework because of the *Housing Availability and Affordability (Planning and Other Legislation Amendment) Act 2024* (HAAPOLA Act).

The HAAPOLA Act is a key deliverable under the *Homes for Queenslanders* plan and aims to simplify and expedite housing supply in the right locations, faster than ever before. It provides new tools for use across Queensland that will tackle the biggest challenges in housing and land supply, including current development approval pathways through the new State Facilitated Development (SFD) process.

To support the HAAPOLA Act's objectives, amendments were also made to the following instruments:

- Planning Regulation 2017
- Economic Development Regulation 2023
- Environmental Offsets Regulation 2014
- Minister's Guidelines and Rules (MGR)
- Development Assessment (DA) Rules, and
- DA Form 1.

These amendments commenced on 22 July 2024 and provide for the establishment of SFD to facilitate development that is a priority to the State, the creation of new acquisition and easement powers to deliver critical development infrastructure and a new ability to impose conditions for an affordable housing component. They also enable streamlining of the renewal and registration processes for the urban encroachment provisions, improved functionality for applicable events and temporary use licences, a streamlined direction process for updating local planning instruments, and clarified assessment arrangements for Queensland heritage places.

The amended MGR (version 3.0) and copy of the public notice is available online at: <https://www.planning.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/plan-making/state-planning/ministers-guidelines-and-rules> and the amended DA Rules (version 2.0) and copy of the public notice is available at: <https://www.planning.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/development-assessment/development-assessment-process/da-rules>. DA Form 1 has also been updated and is available at: <https://www.planning.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/development-assessment/development-assessment-process/forms-and-templates>.

For information about the HAAPOLA Act and its consequential amendments, please visit our website at: <https://www.planning.qld.gov.au/planning-issues-and-interests/housing-availability-and-affordability-pola-amendment-act-2024>.

If you need further information, please contact Mr Phil Joyce, A/Executive Director, Policy and Statutory Planning in the department by telephone on (07) 3452 7449 or by email at phil.joyce@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au who will be please to assist.

Yours sincerely

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