

# 14/15 Committee Update

## Environment Committee

With significant environmental reforms progressing at both the state and federal levels, the Environment Committee have certainly been busy over the last year. Release of the draft Sub-regional Planning Frameworks, as well as the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) Interim Strategic Advice, signal fundamental change in the way that environmental considerations will be assessed and managed into the future. These documents pre-empt the release of outcomes associated with the Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions (SAPPR), with the EPA Interim Advice shedding some light on the manner and degree to which various environmental factors will be considered.

The Environment Committee has been engaged in ongoing discussions with Department of Premier and Cabinet, WAPC and state environmental agencies throughout both the SAPPR and Planning Framework processes, with a view to ensuring that outcomes are imbued with the pragmatism of industry. As a result of advocacy efforts, it was recently confirmed that the Sub-regional frameworks will not be finalised until after the close of public consultation for the SAPPR documents. While this is a positive step toward transparency, the degree to which SAPPR consultation will be considered within the final WAPC plans is yet to be confirmed.

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The Environment Committee has further strengthened key relationships through the establishment of an environmental stakeholder group, including representatives from Department of Environment Regulation (DER), Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW), Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA) and more recently, Department of Planning (DoP). Regular meetings have proven to be an excellent forum for discussion of process and implementation concerns, as well as knowledge sharing. I would like to thank the government agency representatives who have participated and look forward to continued collaborative engagement.

Following disaggregation of Department of Environment and Conservation in 2013, forming DER and DPaW, the state agencies have undergone significant strategic and structural review to enable greater focus on core business requirements in line with government priorities. In DER's case, this has resulted in strategic reform activities aimed at ensuring clarity, efficiency, effectiveness and consistency in environmental regulation. These reform activities continue to be rolled out, producing several draft guidance statements and guidelines, as well as review of legislation.

The Environment Committee have actively consulted on a range of reforms including review of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007 and Contaminated Sites Act 2003, several guidance documents covering topics such as Waste Derived Materials, Condition Setting, Land Use Planning and Regulatory Principles. The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) have also issued a number of Environmental Assessment Guidelines (EAG's) this year which include, the Preparation of Management Plans (EAG17), Scoping of Proposals (EAG10) and Referral of Proposals under s38 (EAG16).

The Environment Committee will continue to play an integral role in UDIA's advocacy work over the coming year with the release of draft Strategic Assessment documents expected, as well as other reforms. A big thank you to the committee members who have dedicated a great deal of time over the year to advocacy efforts on behalf of industry.

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the DAPs and the review process being undertaken. UDIA pushed for changes to the threshold where DAPs come into effect and also pushed for further consistency of decisions and transparency across the whole process.

Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) conducts quarterly meetings with Industry which includes representatives from the Built Form Committee. The purpose of this is to ensure that the development industry and in particular, infill developers interests are represented fairly.

The Committee has also been heavily involved with the review of the Industrial Buffers State Planning Policy, SPP4.1. The review of this State Planning Policy has been very thorough thus far and the working group incorporates a vast array of stakeholders. The review of this Policy is seen as very important by the Committee and no shortage of work has gone in to the review of the policy to ensure the best possible outcomes can be negotiated for the development industry.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their hard work this year.

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## Built Form Committee

One of the pertinent issues which the Built Form Committee has been involved with in the past 12 months has been the Strata Titles Act Reform conducted by Landgate. UDIA has been very pleased to be a part of the initial closed consultation meeting and an array of informal follow up meetings with key reform personnel. The Committee thanks Landgate for their ongoing commitment to UDIA and the wider industry in working through the reform process. It has been arguably one of the most well managed consultations UDIA has been involved with in recent years, and the Committee looks forward to being involved further to help facilitate best outcomes for Industry and the wider community.

The Built Form Committee played a significant role in providing information which contributed to the formation of UDIA's submission on the Perth and Peel @ 3.5 Million Frameworks. Areas which the Committee provided information on were issues around fragmented landholdings, retrofitting existing infrastructure and other challenges for infill, information on both residential land and employment land, impediments to the rollout of the Frameworks and their commercial realities. The Committee's broad knowledge, spanning across the Perth Metropolitan area, served as a basis for the integral technical knowledge in UDIA's lengthy final submission to the State Government.

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The Built Form Committee operates two sub-committees, one that deals with R-Codes Reform and the other that looks at Design Review Panels. The R-Codes sub-committee has continued to operate and provide advice symbiotically with the Planning Committee looking at the R-Codes reform. The Design Review Panels project group continues to work to provide a cohesive terms of reference study on design review panels across nearly all inner city councils.

The Committee was asked to give evidence at a Parliamentary Inquiry into Development Assessment Panels earlier this year. Comments provided by UDIA were generally supportive of

## Urban Planning Committee

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The review of the Planning and Development Regulations formed a significant part of the Planning Committee's agenda in the past few months. The reform presented very significant changes for the entire industry. A number of meetings were conducted with Department of Planning and other stakeholders during and after the consultation period. The Planning Committee is also continuing to work closely with the Department on the Structure Plan Framework (revised and updated Structure Plan Guidelines) and other documents accompanying the Regulations.

This year has seen significant reform of R Code provisions for Structure Plan areas with the release of the RMD Planning Bulletin. UDIA were actively involved in Department of Planning's R Codes Working Group, along with other peak industry bodies and Outer Metropolitan Growth Councils. The outcomes of this process bring far greater certainty to the development and building industries and all stakeholders, as well as streamlining assessment and approval of R Code variations.

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The release of the draft consultation for the sub-regional frameworks saw the largest reform of the planning framework in a number of years. The Committee provided significant input to the consultation regarding the areas of fragmented landholdings, challenges to infill and greenfield development, impediments to document rollout and the commercial reality of the Frameworks. These comments were instrumental in forming the basis of UDIA's lengthy submission.

The review of Liveable Neighbourhoods has been a high priority over the last year for the Committee. UDIA and the Planning Committee have been heavily involved in Liveable Neighbourhoods Technical Advisory Group meetings and review workshops conducted toward the end of 2014. The Committee is eagerly awaiting the release of the next draft of the document to continue to assist Department of Planning in the review process.

Over the past year the Committee has provided input to a number of Local Authorities regarding various Local Planning Scheme amendments which have the potential to affect a large number of UDIA's Members. The Committee has also provided submissions regarding an array of local planning policy reviews such as City of Wanneroo Public Open Space policy and the City of Kwinana's review of Developer Contribution Plans policy, plus many more. Additionally, the Committee provided input into the review of a large number of State Planning Policies over the past year.

I would like to thank all members of the Committee and the UDIA staff for their ongoing support.

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## Infrastructure Committee

The Infrastructure Committee tackles many issues each year, responding to draft policies and participating in a large number of external committees guiding development in WA.

UDIA is also continuing its work with the Western Power Strategic Reference Group (SRG) along with other key industry stakeholders. Key Committee achievements throughout the year include the successful negotiation of clearance distances for high voltage equipment (e.g. transformers) above 100-year forecast flood or storm-event levels reduced, from 1,000mm to 500mm. In itself this seems simple, however has significant benefit in ensuring this equipment doesn't end up on mini-hills towering above fences and the like. The Committee also helped derive a new way of ensuring works are not unnecessarily delayed by the Western Power quote process, for connection works. Massive improvements in the time to prepare quotes for minor works was also an outstanding outcome for the SRG.

This year the Committee and its representative at the Utility Providers Services Committee helped finalise the amended Code of Practice booklet which is of significant use to the wider industry. This sets out industry wide standards for all those involved with infrastructure projects.

UDIA commends the work of the Water Corporation in adopting the Multi-Stage Works Agreement (MSWA) for applicable developments. The Corporation found that bonds for outstanding works were rarely if ever called and so asked, "why bother". The very successful MSWA now has a process of trust to ensure works are completed albeit with a safety-net. There is little doubt that the MSWA recognises the performance and track record of the industry. It can be extended into other areas and will undoubtedly improve all processes. The UDIA is also working with the Water Corporation to review and improve the developer constructed infrastructure process since it was introduced, to achieve better timing and cost outcomes.

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Committee members have provided significant input at both State and Federal level into the ongoing rollout of the NBN. They have addressed key concerns related to the cost of the network and providing technical advice to ensure that the development industry is not burdened with unnecessary costs. This will be a challenge, however small successes all help.

The IPWEA Guidelines were intended to help shepherd the 140 or so sets of local government practices toward greater consistency. Sadly, they still don't quite achieve that goal with many writing addendums. The Committee has been providing feedback to the guidelines and then by direct negotiation, raising concerns from an industry-wide perspective to help assist with greater flexibility and transparency throughout engineering processes across the metropolitan area. The Committee looks forward to becoming more involved with Local Authorities over the next year.

I would also like to thank all of the hardworking Committee members and acknowledge the cooperation of the agencies who have engaged with the Committee throughout the year.

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## Urban Water Committee

Urban Water management is a complex field that is too often poorly understood among the public, as well as stakeholders and decision makers. While management of water within the urban setting is nuanced and multifaceted in its challenges, so too are the solutions and innovative approaches being developed by industry. Only now is the community beginning to truly value water and recognise just how short its supply is albeit with the exception of drinking water. The level of sophistication incorporated within modern water management system design is truly astounding. Equally impressive is the amount that is now known about the hydrological landscape of Western Australia and how to best manage the challenges it presents.

In the land use planning context, sometimes the greatest constraints are those artificially imposed by regulatory frameworks, which fail to properly consider solutions which may deliver best practice outcomes. Some of the management approaches which continue to be the focus of decision making include; management of stormwater at lot level, use of fill material to manage water table and floodplain considerations, and risk adverse approaches to water quality. While these approaches aren't necessarily bad outcomes in all circumstances, they represent just a few of the many tools which may be employed to manage the associated challenges. The UDIA continues to advocate for consistency in navigating the approvals process, through performance based controls which consider the whole of cycle outcome that should be considered in order to facilitate innovation and ingenuity.

Many of the assumptions made within the State Government's Sub-regional Planning Frameworks are the result of a 'single-solution' approach to management of various constraints. The Urban Water Committee has played an active role in the development of UDIA's submission to the Frameworks. With significant developments in the techniques and technologies used in the design and construction of urban water management systems in recent years, opportunities exist to improve upon key outcomes such as basic raw material use, quality of run-off and the health of waterways. The research and evidence generated by the Committee in this area has been invaluable in the progress of UDIA's broader Advocacy Agenda.

We are fortunate enough to have both state and local governments, as well as service providers represented on the Urban Water Committee, providing opportunity for robust policy discussions and 360 degree feedback in relation to practical process and regulatory outcomes. Meaningful engagement with Department of Water, Water Corporation and other stakeholder agencies has meant that UDIA has been actively sought after and involved in various consultations as well as receiving regular process updates on key developments. Some of the key consultations the Committee have been involved with include; State groundwater planning policies, Water Corporation's Water Forever strategies, Department of Water's water services regulations, local government drainage specifications, groundwater allocation plans, Liveable Neighbourhoods and DER guidance statements. Furthermore, the Committee have been involved in ongoing work in relation to drafting of the Water Resources Management Bill, Stormwater Management Guidelines, the State Government's Sewerage Policy and the work of the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities.

A huge thank you to all of the Urban Water Committee members, without whom many of the past years achievements would not have been possible. A special thanks also to the government agencies and service providers who have been open and consultative in their approach to working with the committee and UDIA.

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## Sustainable Urban Development Committee

Sustainability can mean different things to different people and in practice, is often implemented through reduced resource consumption, or mitigating impacts to various environmental, social and economic values. While these goals are certainly important, initiatives implemented as 'bolt on' solutions without the support of a broader strategy, can be short sighted in their approach to sustainability. This year, the Sustainable Urban Development Committee looked to the future in putting together a program of speakers and case studies, which highlighted some of the emerging trends set to impact the development industry for this year's Sustainability Forum.

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Technologies such as autonomous vehicle design, 3D printing and storage of renewable energies, signal significant change for not only industry, but the community as a whole. Understanding the technological changes likely to shape Perth is essential in planning for a city that is able to adapt and respond to the innovations, which will improve liveability and quality of life for West Australians. Similarly, changes in administrative and regulatory frameworks have the potential to alter the way industry conducts business through the introduction of community title provisions (via Strata Titles Act reform) and the emergence of crowd funding for development projects. Social trends are equally important in driving where and how people want to live, with the decentralisation of employment, rise of 'non-traditional' work arrangements and an increased appetite for new and diverse housing typologies, set to impact demand into the future. The Committee continues to promote awareness of innovations which will drive industry into the future, to ensure that the outcomes being delivered remain responsive to these changes. While strategic planning needs to establish land use principles, decision-making should not be based on factors likely to evolve over time.

This year also saw the introduction of the Sustainability Sundowner's, a series of informal sundowner events aimed at promoting discussion of various ideas, projects and initiatives that incorporate sustainable principles. The events have proven to be very popular and a great forum for the presentation and discussion of innovative approaches to development and planning. Some of the topics covered within these sessions have included, innovative approaches to waste and recycling, strategic planning principles and the incorporation of Nature Play within urban development projects. The Committee will continue to deliver sundowner events on topics which provide value to Members and promote greater understanding of innovative initiatives and their benefits.

The UDIA Sustainable Urban Development Matrix has continued to grow and evolve over the last year, with a number of new case studies added which incorporate valuable lessons for industry, contributing to a collective body of industry learning's and knowledge. The Committee have also been working to refine and improve the matrix structure to ensure the initiative delivers information in an accessible and useable manner. The matrix will continue to be refined, with a number of changes under development.

Thank you to Committee members for their ongoing hard work and support for the projects driving sustainable development initiatives.



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## Outlook@UDIA

The support and development of young people within the industry continues to be a fundamental aim for UDIA, in ensuring that the level of knowledge and professionalism that exists within the industry continues to be fostered and built upon between generations. To this end, the Outlook Committee continue to be an active and energetic group engaged in a range of activities.

The Young Professionals section on the UDIA (WA) website has undergone significant development in the last 12 months, with a great deal of improvement in the way that the Committee communicate with young people. This included the introduction of a networking program, allowing university students and recent graduates to connect with members of the Outlook Committee to improve their understanding of the industry and the career options it represents. Promotion of the recently developed program will continue to roll out as part of Outlook's student engagement program.

Outlook Committee members continued to engage with students from a number of Perth universities, promoting understanding of the many diverse career options that exist within the urban development industry. Those within the industry will know that urban development incorporates a huge array of professions and disciplines, many of which may not have been traditionally associated with the property or development industries. As the industry grows in its level of sophistication and develops new methods of delivering housing, the range of skills required by industry continue to change. In recognition of this, Outlook have worked to diversify UDIA's Student Engagement Strategy and incorporate students from disciplines outside of the traditional property courses. This strategy will continue to be rolled out, promoting the various career opportunities within our industry with a number of exciting changes planned in this space for the coming months.

Outlook's events program continue to be extremely popular among Members, offering the opportunity to link young people with industry leaders and peers, as well as develop skills essential to professional success. The Outlook Committee have helped to deliver another great events program this year which included existing favourites such as the annual Crackerjack Bowls Tournament and Quiz Night, as well as a number of new events. The HeART of Perth gave attendees the opportunity to hear firsthand from the people behind the urban art activating our cities laneways and public spaces, while the annual Learn from the Leaders event delivered a stellar line-up of influential leaders.

Thank you to the efforts of the hard working committee, who continue to drive the institute's development of young people both within the industry and students interested in a career in urban development.

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## Women in Property

UDIA's Women in Property committee continues to play an instrumental role in promoting female role models within the development industry. This year saw a number of high calibre women present across the UDIA Event calendar including the Governor General Kerry Sanderson, Nicole Lockwood, Sue Burrows, Alison Hailes, Alison Flemming, Shelly Shepherd and Helen Brookes to name just a few.

With many companies committed to achieving gender balance within the workplace, UDIA Council and the Committee identified the need for a program which gives women who could be somewhat reluctant to participate in a profile activity the confidence and experience to be able to tackle the opportunity. While the format of this program continues to be worked on, the Committee have continued to work behind the scenes to encourage women throughout the industry.

The Committee has helped UDIA put together a very diverse events program to promote women in property to the development industry and provide insight into urban development issues. The Online Community Engagement sundowner attracted a diverse audience which led to a lively discussion and successful event.

The coming year promises to be rewarding, with new ideas and direction for the Committee. We are looking forward to delivering exciting new initiatives focussed on UDIA's diverse membership base. The Committee has always attracted members with a varied and talented set of skills and I would encourage anyone who is passionate about the industry and its diversity and to become involved, to contact UDIA.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for all their work over the past year.

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