

Economic Development and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Whilst I support moves for systemic improvement to enable faster delivery of housing, I have the following reservations with the proposed Bill. As well as social and affordable housing, the Purpose clauses in the Bill must encompass reduced carbon emissions, climate resilience, and minimal impact on our native environment. Clause 28 (Content of development scheme), Clause 34 (Matters to be considered in making a decision) and Clause 35 (PDA development conditions) need to reflect the Purpose causes, with wording such as "to improve climate resilience, reduce carbon emissions, enhance liveability and integrate nature positive outcomes into the built environment" and to "integrate climate science and forecasts." Outcomes made by MEDQ must remain consistent with other planning frameworks. This needs to be written into the Bill. Fast tracked housing must not further contribute to our changing climate, therefore offsets must not be included in the Bill. The offset system is unreliable at best, and provides a convenient excuse to propose development without full consideration of climate impact. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.