

Development Assessment Panel – Proposal

Ms BURNET question to MINISTER for HOUSING and PLANNING

Many constituents and local government representatives across the state have contacted me concerned about the proposed Development Assessment Panel. Rather than taking the politics out of planning, they feel the government will side with big business and make it easier for private developments without passing public scrutiny. Existing local planning authorities are the public face of planning decisions. They are the ones who bear the backlash when unpopular proposals are forced through in the face of community objections. Will you listen to local government elected members and leave planning decisions to the communities they will affect?