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City of Nedlands builds bridges with Planning Minister

City of Nedlands Mayor Cilla de Lacy has broken new ground with the State Government in a meeting with Planning Minister, the Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA in Perth this week.

Newly elected Mayor de Lacy said the meeting was an excellent opportunity to start the New Year on a positive note by opening lines of communication that have been stifled for too long.

“We had productive initial discussions on finding ways to deliver greater housing choices and protecting Nedlands’ character, including our signature urban tree canopy,” Ms de Lacy said.

The Minister also recognised that due to the previous lack of local planning policy to facilitate development, some minor ‘tidy-up amendments may be considered, provided they do not undermine the intent of the approved LPS3 scheme.

Mayor de Lacy said the meeting was cordial and productive and acknowledged a newfound platform of mutual respect and communication between levels of government.

“I believe the Minister shares many of the concerns of Nedlands residents and the Council and is open to ensuring we get the support we need from the State Government to enact a local policy framework that addresses these concerns.

“The Minister also showed support for the partnership we have formed with Main Roads WA to develop a traffic model for the City in line with the Council’s resolution last November to progress this work.”

Further topics raised at the meeting included plans for the Perth to Fremantle rail line, an idea for a mayoral-led working group to develop a long-term strategy and possible improvement of rail land close to the beach.

“I am pleased the Minister has agreed to meet again to further discuss these and other issues of importance to the residents of Nedlands and the State Government.

“We are both looking to create a Nedlands that thrives in the 21st century by respecting the past, embracing the future and providing well-designed housing choices for families, seniors and young people,” Ms de Lacy said.

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About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from the Perth CBD and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the white sands of the Indian Ocean. Covering the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park, the City of Nedlands is home to a population of approximately 21,000 residents.

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