

3 April 2008

Mr Brad Hazzard MP  
Shadow Minister for Planning  
Shadow Minister for Redfern Waterloo  
Shop 3, 637-641 Pittwater Road,  
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Dear Mr Hazzard

**Re: Growth Centres (Development Corporations) Amendment Bill 2008**

The Urban Taskforce represents Australia's most prominent property developers and equity financiers.

I am writing to you to communicate our support for the above legislation, introduced into Parliament earlier this week. This legislation will formally abolish the Growth Centres Commission's board.

If the Bill is passed, the chief executive of the Commission will report to the Minister for Planning through an advisory committee of senior public servants charged with responsibility for delivering the NSW Government's land supply targets identified in the State Plan and Metropolitan Strategy, including the Director General of Planning, the Director General of Environment and Climate Change, the Secretary to the Treasury, the Chief Executive Officer of the Roads and Traffic Authority and the Coordinator General.

We support this change because the Growth Centres Commission functions as a NSW Government agency and its chief executive liaises directly with cabinet ministers and cabinet committees. It is not practical for a board to oversight the work of the chief executive as they are not party to the same whole-of-government discussions that the chief executive participates in. These discussions dictate the work program of the Commission, rather than any board decision.

Please feel free to contact me if you or your staff would like to discuss this legislation.

Yours sincerely

**Urban Taskforce Australia**

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