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## **Residential Design Codes (R-Codes) Review**

The Western Australian Health Promotion Foundation (Healthway) welcomes the Minister for Planning and Lands' call on the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) to investigate opportunities for modernisation of the R-Codes.

Healthway is the only state agency dedicated to health promotion in WA. The review of the R-Codes has the ability to directly impact three of Healthway's five priority health areas, namely active living, healthy eating and mental wellbeing. Healthway-funded research over a long period has helped to highlight the vital role of the built environment, such as housing density and mixed land-use, in supporting active and mentally healthy communities.

In line with our Strategic Plan – Creating a healthier Western Australia together (2024-2029) and the State Public Health Plan (2025-2030), we have a key focus on supporting healthy environments, helping to work towards WA being the healthiest state in the nation.

Accordingly, Healthway is well positioned to support the WAPC's efforts to identify ways to modernise the R-codes to reflect current community and government standards and expectations.

Noting the Minister's desire for a collaborative approach to the R-Codes Review, "with a strong emphasis on delivering a clear and accessible policy framework for all stakeholders", we would be pleased to participate in the proposed stakeholder advisory group, contributing our support and insights to any planning work guiding the review process, prior to any formal consultation.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact Healthway's Executive Director, Carina Tan-Van Baren on 9488 6839 or email [Carina.Tan-VanBaren@healthway.wa.gov.au](mailto:Carina.Tan-VanBaren@healthway.wa.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



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