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MONTHLY HOUSING APPROVALS DATA DELIVERED

The NSW Government has delivered on a commitment to supply key housing approvals data for Sydney every month in another move towards transparency and certainty in the planning system.

“These indicators will ensure government and industry can plan and deliver the infrastructure and new homes needed to house Sydney’s growing population,” Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Brad Hazzard said today.

“It’s critical for government agencies, utility providers, councils and the development sector to access lead indicators on housing approvals as quickly as possible.”

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DP&I) today published data for January 2012 on dwelling approvals as well as more detailed approval and lot production data for greenfield release areas on Sydney’s outskirts.

Mr Hazzard today also released the 2009/10 and 2010/11 Metropolitan Development Program (MDP) reports for the Sydney region, which includes the Central Coast.

The MDP report is an annual audit of land supply and dwelling construction.

“While the 2010/11 report shows Sydney has a record level of land supply for new homes, more land needs to be connected to local water and other infrastructure,” Mr Hazzard said.

“This report notes that enough land has been released for 132,134 homes in 76 release areas but land for fewer than 44,000 homes is linked to local water and wastewater infrastructure.”

The MDP report also forecast production of 16,711 homes across the Sydney region in 2010/11, up from 13,908 in 2009/10.

“This is still well short of the 25,000 average additional dwellings Sydney will need each year to keep pace with anticipated population growth over the next 25 years,” Mr Hazzard said.

“The release of these figures today are further proof that the NSW Coalition Government are committed to transparent discussion around the planning system after 16 years of Labor’s behind-closed-doors approach,” Mr Hazzard said.

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