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Councils to report building approval rates every quarter

In a bid to speed up new housing developments, Planning and Infrastructure Minister, Brad Hazzard has announced that tardy Councils will be forced to report building approval rates every quarter. “Pressure on Councils on the importance of putting development approvals through without delay is critical,” Mr Hazzard said.

HIA’s position:

- HIA supports the Minister’s announcement to release quarterly real time reporting on council assessment performance.
- Reporting on council’s performance more regularly will assist in highlighting the inefficiencies of doing work in certain council areas due to planning approval delays.
- This information should be used by the Government to hold councils accountable for their performance in ensuring housing delivery. If not, no action will be taken to improve the current situation and housing supply will remain stagnant.
- The quarterly report should also illustrate the progress of councils in meeting their specific housing target. The outcomes of the report should be used to highlight any inefficiencies and constraints to housing supply across 152 of the NSW councils.
- Planning delays add unnecessary costs to housing - housing in NSW cannot afford delays. Councils must be closely monitored by Government to ensure the best outcome for the people of NSW.

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