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New local planning scheme to bring Albany into the 21st century

The City of Albany has welcomed State Government approval of the long-awaited Local Planning Scheme 1, which will replace two separate and outdated schemes and provide a new level of clarity for planning matters.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the approval of LPS1 by Planning Minister John Day was essentially the final stage of the 1998 amalgamation of the old Town of Albany and Shire of Albany.

Mr Wellington said since amalgamation, the City of Albany had been operating with two separate and sometimes competing schemes – Town Planning Scheme 1A and Town Planning Scheme 3 – which often made planning matters inconsistent and confusing.

“To integrate two such disparate schemes has been a long and complicated process involving considerable effort from City of Albany staff and councillors, and the Department of Planning,” he said.

“LPS1 is an excellent contemporary planning scheme which will finally provide a clear and consistent set of rules for planning matters across the whole of the City of Albany.”

Mr Wellington thanked the community for their patience while LPS1 was developed.

The City will now organise for LPS1 to be gazetted, after which time the scheme will come into effect.

Mr Wellington said he anticipated that once LPS1 was gazetted, the City’s first act would be to work towards a planning scheme amendment in relation to the Middleton Beach Activity Centre Improvement Plan.

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