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# **CHARLES SMITH MLC**

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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Lower density living the key to better quality of life in Western Australia**

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Western Australia Party MP Charles Smith today launched a suburban policy to legislate larger minimum property lot sizes to alleviate high-density living in Perth.

Mr Smith said the city needs more affordable family-friendly block sizes of 500 metres squared or above, not tiny homes that are now pushed on young home buyers.

The East Metropolitan MP works closely with population researcher Jim Anthony, who both agree houses on small blocks is a money-grabbing ploy to profit from more properties sold on a set area of land.

“Families need larger blocks for their well-being yet the McGowan Government pass legislation that permits a swathe of high-density developments sold at ridiculous prices.

Mr Smith has consistently attacked the property lobby this year and Labor’s decision to consistently reject third party appeals from development projects valued at over \$30 million.

“It is so disturbing that Labor can hide behind a veneer of being a people’s party, but they are in the property lobby’s pockets passing legislation to benefit them.

“Sadly, it’s my view this Government represents the property lobby and not the WA people along with support from the Liberals, One Nation, The Nationals and Shooters and Fishers parties who all voted against giving people a say in their community.”

Mr Smith recently introduced an additional rezoning tax policy which he said will raise millions of dollars from development projects, for redirection into local government to help fund struggling infrastructure and reduce local government charges.

“This will have the effect of lowering rates for residents who are adversely affected by high-density developments and who unfairly foot the bill for infrastructure upgrades,” said Mr Smith.

Mr Smith said to properly address housing affordability issues he will also investigate lowering immigration into the state, property tax reforms, removing artificial restrictions on land supply, building more public housing and making rental tenancy laws more secure and stable.

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