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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Planning

Redirection:

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In relation to: Demonstration Housing Project

Question Lodgement Date: 06/08/2024

Date Answer Due: 08/08/2024

The Demonstration Housing Project has moved at glacial pace. The current learnings suggest that trying to do something different is difficult and there has been little support from Government to speeding up the processes. One example is ECHO Housing and a site for them in Section 76 Watson. An Estate Development Plan has been released, which in part creates a site for ECHO.

What is the program for ECHO?

What further steps do they have to go through?

When do you expect they will be in a position to start developing the site?

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1: ECHO, located at Blocks 24 and 25, Section 38 Lyneham, is currently preparing their Development Application (DA). Please note, a block on Section 76 Watson is reserved for a different demonstration housing project looking to deliver co-housing.

2: The Demonstration Housing steps yet to be undertaken by ECHO include:

- Lodgement of a DA;
- Delivery of Demonstration Housing Project (construction); and
- Post-occupancy Evaluation.

Further information regarding the Demonstration Housing Process is available EPSDD's website:

<https://www.planning.act.gov.au/projects-priorities/demonstration-housing-project/the-process>

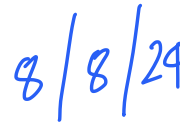
3: Construction is anticipated to commence in 2025, subject to DA processes and ECHO's operational requirements.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature:

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Date:

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By the Minister for Planning, Chris Steel MLA