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To: EPSDFOI
Subject: Housing Choices

Dear EPSDFOI

I would be grateful if you would provide me with a copy of all reports, documents, briefings, correspondence, surveys etc however described, including:

(a) those relied on by the Minister for Planning in the response he gave to a question (page 107) from Mr Mark Parton on 9.11.18 during a hearing of the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Committee of the Legislative Assembly in which the Minister said,

" Particularly younger people advised us that they want to live in denser opportunities, as long as they have good amenity. When we say "dense" they were talking about apartment-style living. They said they would like to live in these opportunities, as long as we have good amenity and good urban open space with it as well."

" Moreover, they did not talk particularly about the size or the height of their building. They told us how they would actually want to live, close to great opportunities for dining, for recreation, close to their friends, close to work if possible, and close to public transport stops. This is where the evidence started to come through about how we change from, as I mentioned earlier, greenfield to urban intensification, if you like."

(b) those which relate explicitly to the advice which the Minister says was provided particularly by younger people. In this regard I would be grateful for a copy of all responses however provided or collated by or collected from the people to whom the Minister was explicitly referring.

(c) those relied on by Mr Ponton in response to a question from Mr Parton on 9.11.18 (page 108) during the same hearings in which Mr Ponton said : " I know the survey figures have been quoted often. In that survey it is important to keep in mind that you cannot take the response to a particular question in isolation. For example, in terms of those people who wanted to live in a detached home, the figure was quite high, The nature of that particular question was: if there were no other considerations, what is your ideal home? People were saying, " Yes, we would like a detached home."

'But then you ask them to start weighing up other considerations such as: do you want the city to spread; are you okay with the environmental impacts that you might have; are you okay with the social costs and the environmental costs of that? As people started to filter that through, the results started to shift in terms of " Well, yes, we would like a detached home but we are also okay with medium and high-density if that means we can protect other important values."

(d) in relation to the response by Mr Ponton I would be grateful for a copy of all of " the results" of " other considerations" however recorded or collated or presented to which Mr Ponton explicitly referred including those which in Mr Ponton's words show that " the results started to shift".

(e) In relation to the response by Mr Ponton I would also welcome all documents either relevant or related to " the environmental impacts' , "social costs and environmental costs " of the city spreading to which the respondents were referred . In addition I assume the respondents would in the interests of balance have been asked to also consider the environmental impacts and social and environmental costs of densification and I would therefore be grateful for all documents which relate to impacts and social and environmental costs of high rise flats and denser development.

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Yours sincerely

