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**CENTRAL COAST NEEDS FOCUS ON DELIVERY  
NOT MORE GLOSSY PLANS**

Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, David Harris MP has called for strategic focus on delivery of planning and development outcomes for local residents instead of more plans and committees.

The Central Coast is facing a Housing crisis, rezoning of designated employment and residential land is a nightmare and creating near insurmountable hurdles for investors.

Central Coast Council is struggling with the volume of Development Applications, and this is either slowing down investment or resulting in some investors looking elsewhere.

Data shows that in the Financial Year to Date as of August 2022 Council is averaging 122 days for DA Assessment compared to 47 days in 2020.

Industry representatives inform the Opposition that to more accurately reflect the time a proponent spent waiting on their DA, you should add 42 – 56 days to that August number.

These numbers are counted from the time the DA number is assigned.

Council had been taking about 42 – 56 days from the moment an application was lodged on the Portal, to when Council transferred the application to its system, which assigned the DA number and started the clock.

Alarming, more complex DAs are taking much longer, i.e., over a year.

Those are the subdivision DAs and others that will deliver the housing and employment land we need.

“The NSW Government has grand plans but the reality on the ground is that there is not the capacity to actually deliver on targets,” said David Harris MP Shadow Minister for the Central Coast.

“The Government, since being elected in 2011 has created plans and structures, brochures and press releases as well as merging our Councils but the system is clogged delaying important development that will deliver employment and housing,” Mr Harris said.

“Warnervale Town Centre is just one area where some residents have now lived for over a decade waiting for promised commercial and retail development but see nought delivered,” Mr Harris said.

“For the Central Coast the bottom line is assessments are slow, jobs are delayed, and investment is discouraged,” Mr Harris said.

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