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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Western Sydney Aerotropolis Precincts Submission
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) NSW Division welcomes the release of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Draft Precinct Plans and recognises the significant work undertaken to deliver these documents. PIA also understand that these are an essential element of the Place Infrastructure Compact (PIC) and contribute to orderly development consistent with the outcomes sought in the District and Regional Plans.

PIA NSW is particularly pleased to see the following commitment: “The Precinct Plan has the statutory weight of the Aerotropolis SEPP and can provide the opportunity for energy and water BASIX targets and other sustainability rating tools to be exceeded” (pg. 169), supported by the recommendations of the Sustainability and Heat Technical Report.

Evidence is emerging on the inability of current BASIX compliant buildings to remain fit for habitation without excessive energy use, due to urban heat experienced due to climate change in the later part of this century. As such, this commitment is critically important and is strongly welcomed by PIA.

PIA has recently prepared a discussion paper addressing the role of planning in adapting to climate change, which can be accessed [here](#). We look forward to seeing the approach developed in this Precinct Plan being adopted across a range of precincts in NSW.

Should you wish to discuss our ongoing work in addressing a changing climate through planning and planning systems, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely



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