

National Planning Reform Blueprint

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Measure 4

Planning Ministers will identify well-located 'development ready' land, having appropriate regard to the protection of land with key attributes e.g., environmental or economic.

Measure 10

All levels of government will ensure the efficient use of government land, including the identification of surplus land suitable for housing and the delivery of best practice projects to support housing supply, diversity and affordability.

Efficient use of Commonwealth-held land and identification of surplus land suitable for housing

The Commonwealth is implementing the 2024-25 Budget announcement to fast-track feasibility studies on the release of Commonwealth land to support social and affordable housing. These feasibility studies are now complete and the Commonwealth government is considering the results. Treasury officials are overseeing work on these feasibility studies.

Surplus Commonwealth property must be sold on the open market unless otherwise agreed by the Minister for Finance. Commonwealth properties are only held where they demonstrably contribute to government service delivery outcomes and ownership represents value for money.

More information on the Commonwealth's Property Disposal Policy can be found at https://www.finance.gov.au/government/property-and-construction/commonwealth-propertydisposal-policy.