

UDIA (Victoria) Statement

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Corrupt conduct is unacceptable and creates false representation of industry

The Urban Development Institute of Australia, Victorian Division (UDIA Victoria) supports the Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Commission (IBAC) investigation into allegations of corrupt conduct in relation to planning and property development decisions in the City of Casey.

“This inquiry is very important, and we fully support IBAC’s efforts to uncover corruption and unethical activities in the City of Casey. Incidents of corrupt conduct are not reflective of the good work of our industry – these are individual circumstances and have nothing to do with Victoria’s highly professional and deeply ethical urban development industry.

“UDIA Victoria is the peak body for the sector. It’s our role to constantly advocate for greater transparency and accountability across the planning system – from Councilors, developers and consultants to community representatives,” said UDIA Victoria CEO Danni Hunter.

“UDIA Victoria does not support individuals and organisations that conduct themselves in a way that could be conceived as improper. Such acts compromise confidence in and across our sector. It also undermines a lot of the good, hard work being done by industry.

“The development industry is committed to delivering new housing and new communities within the democratic parameters of our planning system. Right now, we are focused on advancing the planning system forward, while deeply respecting its role.

“We are shocked by allegations relating to IBAC’s Operation Sandon. These allegations of improper conduct do not accurately depict how UDIA Victoria members operate and are a clear breach of UDIA Victoria’s Code of Conduct,” said Ms Hunter.

“We believe that good urban development is defined by projects that put public benefit and wellbeing first. Improper conduct is never a benefit to the community and something the urban development industry will always condemn,” she said.

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ABOUT

Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA)

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) is a nationally recognised body that advocates for Australia's urban development industry. In Victoria, UDIA informs and engages government and industry members, **enabling better policy and better business decisions.**

The UDIA Victorian Division specifically protects and promotes over 350 member companies across Victoria, including developers and a range of other professionals involved in producing, financing and marketing residential property.

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