

Agency	Question No	Hansard Page or Written	Senator	Question
UDIA	UDIA-1	ECA 40	Fisher	<p>Senator FISHER—The explanatory memorandum sets out that, whilst the bill does not so provide, it is envisaged that there will be further work with state governments and local councils to do whatever needs to be done to roll out the sort of build contemplated under the bill. Do you see any prospect that that will be complemented by changes to state, territory and local planning arrangements, as the explanatory memo says? Have you contemplated that that complementariness might mean circumvention of existing rules, processes or laws, short-circuiting anything to achieve a more rapid fibre deployment to greenfield sites?</p> <p>Mr Lindsay—I will take that one a little bit on notice, ...</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Indeed they are. It might be said by some that there are experiences that show federal government preparedness to circumvent state based planning processes—for example, in the implementation of the so-called Building the Education Revolution. It was also considered in Tasmania as part of the rollout of the NBN in respect of infrastructure build and the proposition that what were local government considerations and processes that would have applied to the NBN rollout in Tasmania would not have to. That was contemplated in Tasmania. It is a state and territory based issue, but my real question to you is: do you contemplate that being a prospect in any state or in respect of any local government rules and, if so, how would that impact your membership? Indeed, you might be the cheer squad for it because circumvention might mean quicker and cheaper builds for your members.</p> <p>Mr Lindsay—The short answer is that it is not something that we are aware of or are necessarily anticipating.</p> <p>Mr Albin—Basically, at the moment our major concern is with the subdivision certificates—that is, lot production. I am not aware that it would be a major issue, but can we take it on notice and get back to you with regard to all of our states?</p>

In answer to Senator Fisher’s question, UDIA has not contemplated the prospect of circumvention of existing rules, processes or laws to achieve a more rapid deployment to greenfield sites.

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