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Amanda Chadwick to head up the Office of Housing Coordination

A new role to ensure housing affordability measures are implemented, including controls to create greater housing choice, changes to housing codes and faster approvals, has been announced by the Department of Planning and Environment.

Amanda Chadwick, currently the Administrator of City of Parramatta Council, has been appointed as Executive Director in the new Office of Housing Coordination which was established within the Department as part of the NSW Government's housing affordability package announced in June.

"Ms Chadwick comes to this role with a reputation for innovative and strong leadership and a track record of managing complex businesses," said Deputy Secretary Dr Liz Develin.

"She will be responsible for ensuring high-level co-ordination and management of the delivery of housing supply initiatives across government.

"In her role as Administrator at City of Parramatta Council, Ms Chadwick has achieved a 10-day reduction in median housing Development Application approval times, making her a perfect fit for this position."

Ms Develin said the role within the Office of Housing Coordination will support the NSW Government's mission to improve housing affordability by increasing housing supply.

"We know that to get more homes to market a co-ordinated approach to planning is essential. This means that necessary infrastructure like roads, drains and quality open space must be provided for at the same time as communities are built," Dr Develin said.

"Ms Chadwick will lead specialists within the Department in working with councils to fast-track rezoning and to finalise zonings in priority precincts.

"She will be tasked with addressing any bottlenecks to rolling out key infrastructure, delays to rezoning and development assessments to unlock housing development, and ensuring greater housing supply."

Ms Chadwick said she was thrilled to be able to take up the role and implement policies and strategies that will help increase housing supply.

“Housing Affordability is at the centre of the government’s policy direction and I am looking forward to leading an expert team of planners to enact change,” Ms Chadwick said.

“I have years of experience within NSW government agencies so am familiar with the terrain of the public sector but this is a new and bold approach which will be both exciting and challenging.”

Ms Chadwick also served in the NSW Government as Executive Director of Policy, Economics & Regional Development at NSW Trade & Investment, worked at the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, and headed up the Metropolitan Water Directorate and held various senior roles at Sydney Water.

Ms Chadwick holds a Masters degree in Science (Regulation) from the London School of Economics and Political Science and law and economics degrees from The Australian National University. She will take up the post on 9 October 2017.

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