



Department of
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Dear Shakira

**Amendment 116 to the City of Kalamunda Local Planning Scheme No. 3
Lots 1, 2, 47, 48, 100 (eastern portion), 105, and 106 Reynolds Road, Forrestfield**

Thank you for your email dated 11 September 2025 providing the Department of Education (Department) with the opportunity to comment on the proposed Amendment to the City's Local Planning Scheme No. 3 (LPS Amendment) to reclassify the existing density coding from 'Residential – R15' to 'Residential – R40' on the abovementioned lots.

Approximately half of the LPS Amendment area falls within the student enrolment intake area of Dawson Park Primary School whereas the remainder falls within the optional intake areas of Dawson Park, Woodlupine and Forrestfield Primary Schools. Currently, Dawson Park Primary School is under student accommodation pressure with the school operating beyond its permanent student accommodation capacity. The potential delivery of increased residential lots in this LPS Amendment area coupled with the cumulative impact from new infill residential development in the locality are expected to exacerbate the enrolment demand of the subject primary school.

It is worth noting that every new residential development or intensification of residential density create demand for, or on, public schools. This requires careful planning consideration to ensure that the anticipated student demand balances with the provision of public schools in the locality. The Department will assess the public education needs at future localised planning instruments (e.g. local structure plan or local development plans) and that future augmentation or expansion of the primary school site (e.g. off-site early childhood facility) may be required. In addition, it should be highlighted that any requirement for primary school developer contributions will be assessed and may be applied at the subdivision stage.

Whilst the Department has no in-principle objections to the proposed MRS Amendment, the Department will continue to monitor the student enrolment demand as development progresses within the locality. It is requested that the local government and/or proponents engage with the Department at future preparation of localised planning instruments to ensure it can suitably forward plan for the public education needs of the locality.

Should you have any questions in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ikmal Ahmad, Principal Consultant – Land Planning on (08) 9264 4435 or email at Ikmal.ahmad@education.wa.edu.au

Yours sincerely

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