

# The Private Sector – How its role can be optimized

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# Introduction

- CESA / consulting engineering point of view
- Submission and approval process for developer is very complicated
- Key words:
  - Land Use Application
  - Master Plans
  - SLA
  - DC's
- Professional Team

# Current Challenges

- **Approvals** of various applications taking too long
- **Services capacity analysis** for developers, taking too long
- **Stormwater Management Plans** approvals
- **Service Level Agreements** approvals
- **At risk costs** to the developer before spade in the ground
- **Fragmented** approach by the State – various departments
- **SCM** process
- Bulk Infrastructure **planning** by State very onerous

# Local Industry Feedback (i)

- **Approvals** –  
council agreement needed or not? Management level 3 approval only required
- **Services capacity analysis** –  
function of the municipality but capacity/resource issues
- **Stormwater Management Plans** –  
resources to review plans / comments
- **Service Level Agreements** –  
inconsistent approach and timeous in some instances
- **At risk costs** –  
consultants are made to bear some of these costs

## Local Industry Feedback (ii)

- **Fragmented approach** –  
too many departments / interaction
- **SCM** process –  
excuse that regulations causing delays
- Bulk Infrastructure **planning** –  
various plans but no follow up budget in some cases

# Possible Solutions and Improvements (i)

- **Approvals –**
  - more centralized “one stop shop” / “Town Engineer/Planner concept”
  - Avoid local official interpretation, consistent approach throughout districts
- **Services capacity analysis –**
  - Use external consultants (through tender) for these functions
- **Stormwater Management Plans –**
  - Use external consultants (through tender) for these functions
- **Service Level Agreements –**
  - Progress of SLA's to be tracked / reported
  - Understanding the policy of DC's

## Possible Solutions and Improvements (ii)

- **Fragmented approach** –
  - more centralized “one stop shop” / “Town Engineer/Planner concept”
- **SCM** process –
  - Increase resource, capacity to deal with tender load
  - Run parallel SCM teams to speed up process
- Bulk Infrastructure **planning** –
  - Budget guarantee for critical infrastructure spend (Mayor's office?)
  - Emergency deviations for faster implementation



## Conclusion / Way Forward

- ✓ Engage with the Private sector built environment through liaison meetings, taking forward ideas / solutions presented
- ✓ Track progress
- ✓ Escalation process for particular challenges
- ✓ Create champions within organisations

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