

Planning for state sport and recreation centres



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Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT CHANGES ARE BEING PROPOSED TO PLANNING FOR SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRES?

- The proposed changes provide a consistent, rigorous and responsible approach to planning for the 11 State Sport and Recreation Centres, managed by the Office of Communities.
- These centres are important State assets, which have been hosting school camps and other outdoor recreation programs since the 1940s.
- The changes identify a range of facilities that will be permitted in all centres, subject to development approval.
- You can view the proposed changes and provide your feedback at: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals up until 31 January 2014.

WHY IS THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSING THESE CHANGES?

- At the moment there is no consistency about what is permitted across the centres in local plans.
- The changes provide certainty about what is possible at these important community assets.
- The changes will also ensure that each centre can offer the facilities that best meet the community's needs.

WHAT SORT OF THINGS WILL BE PERMITTED?

- The proposal outlines 25 uses which are permitted in the 11 centres, subject to development approval. These uses include:
 - Recreational facilities
 - Function and information and education centres;
 - Eco-tourist facilities;
 - Food and drink premises, kiosks and markets;
 - Camping grounds;
 - Entertainment facilities and
 - Water recreation structures.
- Details about what sort of things are covered by each of the 25 uses can be found in the Dictionary section of the Standard Instrument – Principal Local Environmental Plan available at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au

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WHAT CHECKS AND BALANCES ARE PROPOSED TO ENSURE RIGOROUS PLANNING FOR ANY NEW FACILITIES?

- In general, most new uses will require lodgement of a development application by or on behalf of the Department of Education and Communities or the State Sporting Venues Authority – the Government agencies responsible for the centres.
- This will ensure that any new proposal needs to first be supported by the NSW Government and be in the public interest.
- The application will be made to the relevant local council, which will typically exhibit it for public comment and then consider submissions and assess the proposal.
- The assessment would look at issues such as impact on the local environment and amenity.
- Generally, approval of any new development would need to be given by either the local council or relevant Joint Regional Planning Panel, before it can commence.

WHERE ARE THE CENTRES LOCATED?

- The Sport and Recreation Centres are located at:
 - Berry on the South Coast
 - Broken Bay on the Hawkesbury River, Sydney
 - Milson Island on the Hawkesbury River, Sydney
 - Borambola near Wagga Wagga
 - Jindabyne in the South East
 - Lake Ainsworth on the North Coast
 - Lake Burrendong in the Central West
 - Lake Keepit near Tamworth
 - Myuna Bay on Lake Macquarie
 - Point Wolstoncroft on Lake Macquarie
 - Sydney Academy at Narrabeen Lakes.

HOW WILL THESE CHANGES COME INTO EFFECT?

- Once the exhibition concludes and submissions have been assessed, the Minister for Planning & Infrastructure will consider all submissions and decide whether to proceed with the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) Amendment (Sport and Recreation) 2013*



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HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION AND MAKE A SUBMISSION?

- You can get more information at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals or by phoning 1300 305 695.
- Submissions can be lodged online at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals.
- If you can't make a submission online, you can write to the Director, Assessment Policy, Systems & Stakeholder Engagement, NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure, GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001.
- Submissions close on 31 January 2014 and all submissions will be made public in line with the Department's aim to promote an open and transparent planning system.
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