



State Environmental Planning Policies Review

Frequently Asked Questions

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WHAT IS A STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY?

- State environmental planning policies (SEPPs) are legal documents that regulate land use and development in New South Wales.
- SEPPs are made by the Governor on the recommendation of the Minister for Planning. The Explanation of Intended Effects of the proposed SEPP may then be exhibited for public comment before becoming a legal document.

WHY ARE WE PROPOSING TO UPDATE SOME SEPPs AND REMOVE OTHERS?

As part of delivering ongoing improvements to the planning system, the NSW Government is carrying out a review of a number of State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs). This review seeks to:

- reduce the number of SEPPs by removing policy and development controls that have been superseded by regional strategies, standard instrument local environmental plans, and other existing SEPPs;
- update and integrate planning policy that needs to be retained into the relevant local plans; and
- save planners, industry and the community time spent navigating the planning system.

The proposed changes will:

- repeal 11 SEPPs that have been implemented;
- update and transfer controls and guidance where they are still required for five SEPPs; and
- make a minor amendment to one SEPP.

The protections in these SEPPs have either been implemented elsewhere in the NSW planning system or will be amended and transferred to a local plan.

WHERE CAN I SEE AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES?

- You can view the Explanation of Intended Effect that outlines the proposed changes at:
 - www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals
 - the Department of Planning and Environment's Sydney CBD office and regional offices in Parramatta, Dubbo, Grafton, Newcastle and Wollongong.
- Local government, industry and the community are invited to review and comment on the proposal until 9 July 2015.



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- You can provide feedback at: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals
- Alternatively, you can post your comments to the Director, Planning Frameworks, Department of Planning and Environment, GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001.
- All submissions will be made public in line with the Department's objective to promote an open and transparent planning system. If you want the Department to delete your personal information before publishing, please make this clear at the top of your letter. Before making a submission, please read our privacy statement at: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- At the end of the exhibition period we will review all submissions on the proposed changes, and then prepare a report for the Minister for Planning.
- Once the Minister makes a decision about the proposed changes, we'll publish an update on our website at: <http://planspolicies.planning.nsw.gov.au/>

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Visit our website at: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals
- Call our Information Centre on 1300 305 695. If English isn't your first language, please call 131 450. Ask for an interpreter in your language and then request to be connected to our Information Centre on 1300 305 695.
- Email us at: information@planning.nsw.gov.au