

Tertiary Institutions

Why are changes to the planning approval requirements for tertiary institutions proposed?

- The Infrastructure SEPP contains provisions for TAFE institutions and limited provisions for universities. It is proposed to transfer these provisions into the new SEPP to consolidate all stages of educational facilities in one policy document. What facilities are proposed to be exempt development at tertiary institutions?
- Minor developments such as directional signs, landscaping, amenities building, single storey portable offices and classrooms, cycleways and sporting facilities will be permitted as exempt development at existing universities and TAFE campuses, meaning that a development approval is not needed.

What facilities are proposed to be complying development at tertiary institutions?

- Planning provisions already exist in the Infrastructure SEPP permitting buildings on TAFE campuses as complying development, such as classrooms, libraries, lecture theatres, trade or training facilities, and administration offices. The proposed SEPP will expand these guidelines to apply to universities as well, and introduce some additional development types such as cafes, take away food and drink premises and recreation facilities.
- If the proposal does not meet all of the standards listed in the proposed SEPP, a development application must be submitted.

Consultation on the proposed SEPP

Who has been consulted on the policy development?

- The Department of Planning and Environment has undertaken preliminary consultation with State agencies, peak industry bodies and education providers. Comments from these organisations have been considered by the Department in developing the draft SEPP.

How do I comment on the proposed changes?

- You can view and comment on the changes until 24 March 2017 at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals
- All submissions will be made public in line with the Department's objective to promote an open and transparent planning system. If you do not want your name published, please state this clearly at the top of your submission. Before making a submission, please read our privacy policy at: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy

Where can I find out more?

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- 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.
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