

INTERIM PLANNING SCHEMES

A single statewide planning scheme outcome is a key platform of the Government's reforms for a fairer, faster, cheaper and simpler planning system.

Finalising the 29 interim planning schemes across the State will give a consistent structure to all our planning schemes, to support the introduction of the new statewide planning scheme provisions.

The proposed Bill will provide a more efficient process for finalising the interim schemes.

Along with changes to administrative practice and a streamlined process for amending planning schemes, this will allow the interim schemes to be made into final planning schemes in 2015.

These reforms build on the substantial investment by local government in preparing the interim planning schemes.

How does the interim scheme process work now?

The *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA) sets the requirements for declaring, amending and modifying an interim planning scheme.

Councils prepare the draft interim schemes, which come into force on declaration by the Minister.

The interim schemes are then publicly exhibited, with each council reporting to the Tasmanian Planning Commission on the representations it has received.

The Commission must hold a public hearing on each representation and can modify the interim scheme before it is made into a final planning scheme.

Where modifications are made that require a further public process, the interim scheme is re-exhibited.

The Minister can approve certain urgent amendments on the recommendation of the Commission, to ensure an interim scheme meets the requirements of the Act.

If the Commission is satisfied the interim scheme is in order, it must with the approval of the Minister make the interim scheme into a final planning scheme.

The normal process for amending a planning scheme does not apply to interim schemes however the Commission can grant a dispensation that suspends the interim planning controls in relation to a particular piece of land.

Why are the changes needed?

Under the current legislation, it could take up to four years to finalise all the interim planning schemes across the State.

The changes to the process for making final planning schemes will ensure these can be finalised much sooner, to support introduction of a single statewide planning scheme approach.

What will change?

The current structure of interim schemes with mandatory planning provisions will be retained as a mechanism for introducing the new statewide planning scheme provisions.

The public exhibition and reporting periods will be modified to support making all of the interim schemes into final planning schemes in 2015.

The changes will allow the Commission to hold hearings regionally to focus on strategic issues, and determine some matters based on written submissions.

Any matters relating to the zoning of land that require a further public process will be able to be dealt with under the streamlined amendment process after the final planning scheme is made, without holding up making of the final scheme.

Fact Sheets Available

1. Overview, 2. Interim Planning Schemes, 3. Streamlined Amendment Process, 4. Other Amendments

This fact sheet reflects the proposed changes the Government is consulting on through the Planning Reform Taskforce

The Commission will also be able to report to the Minister on common provisions at a regional or State level to inform the development of the statewide planning scheme provisions.

When will the single statewide planning scheme approach be introduced?

Further changes will be required to LUPAA to create a framework for a single statewide planning scheme approach.

The Government intends to introduce a second Bill in 2015 to provide the framework for this and to implement the remaining planning reforms.

Government will continue to consult through the Planning Reform Taskforce on the proposed reforms, including the legislative model for delivering a single statewide planning scheme outcome.

The Taskforce will also play a key role in developing the content of the statewide planning scheme provisions.