



Potential Amendments to the Standard Instrument (LEP Template)

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The Department of Planning is looking at options for changes to the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans template) to ensure it remains a robust, up-to-date and relevant planning tool.

To get your views on the *Potential Amendments to the Standard Instrument – Options Paper* we are undertaking a six (6) week consultation period **ending Friday 14 May 2010** to enable enough time to formally comment.

WHAT CHANGES ARE PROPOSED?

Since the Standard Instrument was introduced in 2006 all new Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) across NSW now use the same planning language, making it easier for communities to understand what is proposed for their local area. Councils are able to include localised planning objectives and provisions specific to their area, as well as determine zoning, additional land uses, heritage items, and development standards such as height and minimum lot sizes.

Feedback received about how the Standard Instrument can be improved mainly relates to the need to remove ambiguity in the dictionary terms.

It has also been recognised that there is a need for some new definitions to be included, to ensure Aboriginal heritage does not need to be mapped and its location described in detail for cultural reasons, and to make some changes to clauses which are causing confusion. Other amendments are proposed to ensure consistency with a range of new policies and legislative changes (including State Environmental Planning Policies and amendments to the *Heritage Act 1977*).

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

The Department will be running a number of information sessions throughout the consultation period. To get involved please contact your Department of Planning Regional Office, your local council, or check our website for regular updates.

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