

# LOCAL PLANNING PANELS DIRECTION – PLANNING PROPOSALS

I, the Minister for Planning, give the following direction under section 9.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.



Minister for Planning

Dated: 27/1/2018

## Objective

The objective of this direction is to identify the types of planning proposals that are to be advised on by local planning panels on behalf of councils in the Greater Sydney Region and Wollongong and to establish the procedures in relation to those matters.

## Application

This direction applies to a council that has constituted a local planning panel under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, other than the council of the City of Sydney.

## Direction

1. A council to whom this direction applies is required to refer all planning proposals prepared after 1 June 2018 to the local planning panel for advice, unless the council's general manager determines that the planning proposal relates to:
  - (a) the correction of an obvious error in a local environmental plan,
  - (b) matters that are of a consequential, transitional, machinery or other minor nature, or
  - (c) matters that council's general manager considers will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment or adjoining land.
2. When a planning proposal is referred to the local planning panel for advice in accordance with this direction it is to be accompanied by an assessment report prepared by the council staff setting out recommendations in relation to the planning proposal, including whether or not the planning proposal should be forwarded to the Minister or Greater Sydney Commission under section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
3. The local planning panel must have given its advice on the planning proposal before council considers whether or not to forward it to the Minister or Greater Sydney Commission under section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
4. This direction takes effect on the date it is published on the Department of Planning and Environment's website and applies to planning proposals that, before that date, have not been forwarded to the Minister or the Greater Sydney Commission. For the avoidance of doubt, the requirement in clause 2 to this direction extends to planning proposals that

have been referred to the local planning panel, and in relation to which the panel has not provided advice, before the date this direction takes effect.

5. This direction revokes the previous Local Planning Panels Direction – Planning Proposals dated 23 February 2018.