

# Local Planning Directions

The following is a list of Directions issued by the Minister for Planning to relevant planning authorities under section 9.1(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. These directions apply to planning proposals lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment on or after the date the particular direction was issued and commenced.

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# Focus area 1: Planning Systems

## 1.1 Implementation of Regional Plans

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to give legal effect to the vision, land use strategy, goals, directions and actions contained in Regional Plans.

### Application

This direction applies to a relevant planning authority when preparing a planning proposal for land to which a Regional Plan has been released by the Minister for Planning.

### Direction 1.1

(1) Planning proposals must be consistent with a Regional Plan released by the Minister for Planning.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary), that:

- (a) the extent of inconsistency with the Regional Plan is of minor significance, and
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the Regional Plan and does not undermine the achievement of the Regional Plan's vision, land use strategy, goals, directions or actions.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 5.10)**

## 1.2 Development of Aboriginal Land Council land

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to provide for the consideration of development delivery plans prepared under chapter 3 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021* when planning proposals are prepared by a planning proposal authority.

### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning proposal authorities when preparing a planning proposal for land shown on the Land Application Map of chapter 3 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021*.

**Note:** When this direction was made, chapter 3 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021* applied only to land in the Central Coast local government area.

### Direction 1.2

- (1) When preparing a planning proposal to which this direction applies, the planning proposal authority must take into account:
  - (a) any applicable development delivery plan made under the chapter 3 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021*; or
  - (b) if no applicable development delivery plan has been published, the interim development delivery plan published on the Department's website on the making of this direction.

**Note:** Development delivery plans must be published in the Gazette or the NSW planning portal.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 5.11)**

## 1.3 Approval and Referral Requirements

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to ensure that LEP provisions encourage the efficient and appropriate assessment of development.

### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities when preparing a planning proposal.

### Direction 1.3

- (1) A planning proposal to which this direction applies must:
- (a) minimise the inclusion of provisions that require the concurrence, consultation or referral of development applications to a Minister or public authority, and
  - (b) not contain provisions requiring concurrence, consultation or referral of a Minister or public authority unless the relevant planning authority has obtained the approval of:
    - i. the appropriate Minister or public authority, and
    - ii. the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary), prior to undertaking community consultation in satisfaction of Schedule 1 to the EP&A Act, and
  - (c) not identify development as designated development unless the relevant planning authority:
    - i. can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the class of development is likely to have a significant impact on the environment, and
    - ii. has obtained the approval of the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) prior to undertaking community consultation in satisfaction of Schedule 1 to the EP&A Act.

### Consistency

A planning proposal must be substantially consistent with the terms of this direction.

**Note:** In this direction “public authority” has the same meaning as section 1.4 of the EP&A Act.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 6.1)**

## 1.4 Site Specific Provisions

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to discourage unnecessarily restrictive site specific planning controls.

### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities when preparing a planning proposal that will allow a particular development to be carried out.

### Direction 1.4

- (1) A planning proposal that will amend another environmental planning instrument in order to allow particular development to be carried out must either:
  - (a) allow that land use to be carried out in the zone the land is situated on, or
  - (b) rezone the site to an existing zone already in the environmental planning instrument that allows that land use without imposing any development standards or requirements in addition to those already contained in that zone, or
  - (c) allow that land use on the relevant land without imposing any development standards or requirements in addition to those already contained in the principal environmental planning instrument being amended.
- (2) A planning proposal must not contain or refer to drawings that show details of the proposed development.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 6.3)**

## 1.4A Exclusion of Development Standards from Variation

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to maintain flexibility in the application of development standards by ensuring that exclusions from the application of clause 4.6 of a Standard Instrument Local Environmental Plan (**Standard Instrument LEP**) or an equivalent provision of any other environmental planning instrument, are only applied in limited circumstances.

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal that proposes to introduce or alter an existing exclusion to clause 4.6 of a Standard Instrument LEP or an equivalent provision of any other environmental planning instrument.

### Direction 1.4A

- (1) In preparing a planning proposal the planning proposal authority must have regard to the *Guide to exclusions from clause 4.6 of the Standard Instrument*.
- (2) A planning proposal to which this direction applies must:
  - (a) minimise the exclusion of development standards from variation under clause 4.6 of a Standard Instrument LEP, or an equivalent provision of any other environmental planning instrument; and
  - (b) not propose to exclude a development standard from variation under clause 4.6 of a Standard Instrument LEP, or an equivalent provision of any other environmental planning instrument unless the exclusion is consistent with the criteria in Part 2 of the *Guide to exclusions from clause 4.6 of the Standard Instrument*.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority satisfies the Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that it is inappropriate in the circumstances to allow flexibility in the application of the development standard.

**Note:** In this direction:

- 'Standard Instrument LEP' means any local environmental plan that adopts the standard instrument set out in the *Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006*.
- '*Guide to exclusions from clause 4.6 of the Standard Instrument*' means the *Guide to exclusions from clause 4.6 of the Standard Instrument* prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment dated November 2023.

**Date commenced: 1 November 2023**

## Focus area 1: Planning Systems – Place-based

### 1.5 Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy

#### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) facilitate development within the Parramatta Road Corridor that is consistent with the *Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy* (November, 2016), the *Parramatta Road Corridor Implementation Tool Kit*, and the *Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Implementation Update 2021*,
- (b) provide a diversity of jobs and housing to meet the needs of a broad cross-section of the community, and
- (c) guide the incremental transformation of the Parramatta Road Corridor in line with the delivery of necessary infrastructure.

#### Application

This direction applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal for land in the City of Parramatta, Cumberland, Strathfield, Burwood, Canada Bay and Inner West local government areas, that applies to land within the Parramatta Road Corridor as identified on the Map titled Parramatta Road Corridor on pages 14 and 15 of the *Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy* (November, 2016).

#### Direction 1.5

- (1) A planning proposal that applies to land in the nominated local government areas within the Parramatta Road Corridor must:
  - (a) give effect to the objectives of this direction,
  - (b) be consistent with the Strategic Actions within the *Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy* (November, 2016),
  - (c) be consistent with the *Parramatta Road Corridor Planning and Design Guidelines* (November, 2016) and particularly the requirements set out in Section 3 Corridor-wide Guidelines and the relevant Precinct Guidelines,
  - (d) be consistent with the staging and other identified thresholds for land use change identified in the *Parramatta Road Corridor Implementation Plan 2016 – 2023* (November, 2016), and the *Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Implementation Update 2021*, as applicable,
  - (e) contain a requirement that development is not permitted until land is adequately serviced (or arrangements satisfactory to the relevant planning authority, or other appropriate authority, have been made to service it) consistent with the *Parramatta Road Corridor Implementation Plan 2016 – 2023* (November, 2016),
  - (f) be consistent with the relevant District Plan.

#### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the planning proposal is:

- (a) consistent with the 'Out of Sequence Checklist' in the *Parramatta Road Corridor Implementation Plan 2016 – 2023* (November, 2016), or
- (b) justified by a study (prepared in support of the planning proposal) that clearly demonstrates better outcomes are delivered than identified in the *Parramatta Road Corridor Urban*



*Transformation Strategy* (November, 2016) and *Parramatta Road Corridor Implementation Plan 2016-2023* (November, 2016) having regard to the vision and objectives, or

(c) of minor significance.

**Note:** In this direction the following documents are defined as:

- **Parramatta Road Corridor** - the land adjoining and at least one block back from Parramatta Road, as well as Precincts that have been identified as a focus for future growth based on their different functions and character as identified on the Parramatta Road Corridor Map, with the exception of the land within the City of Sydney. The Map is on pages 14 and 15 of the *Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy* (November, 2016).
- **Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy** (November, 2016) – the NSW Government’s 30-year plan setting out how the Parramatta Road Corridor will grow and bring new life to local communities living and working along the Corridor.
- **Parramatta Road Corridor Implementation Tool Kit** – a suite of supporting documents to be used by councils, proponents and State agencies when making land use decisions in the Parramatta Road Corridor and comprising:
  - *Parramatta Road Corridor Implementation Plan 2016 – 2023* (November, 2016)
  - *Parramatta Road Corridor Infrastructure Schedule* (November, 2016)
  - *Parramatta Road Corridor Planning and Design Guidelines* (November, 2016)
  - *Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Amenity Improvement Program Report* (November, 2016)
- *Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy Implementation Update 2021 (July 2021)* – supplements the Parramatta Road Corridor Implementation Plan 2016-2023 with additional implementation actions.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 7.3)**

## 1.6 Implementation of North West Priority Growth Area Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to ensure development within the North West Priority Growth Area is consistent with the *North West Priority Growth Area Land Use and Infrastructure Strategy* (the Strategy).

### Application

This direction applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal for land in the Blacktown, The Hills or Hawkesbury local government areas that applies to land within the North West Priority Growth Area.

### Direction 1.6

- (1) Planning proposals to which this direction applies shall be consistent with the *North West Priority Growth Area Land Use and Infrastructure Strategy*.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the Strategy and does not undermine the achievement of its objectives, planning principles and priorities for the North West Priority Growth Area.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 7.4)**

## 1.7 Implementation of Greater Parramatta Priority Growth Area Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to ensure development within the Greater Parramatta Priority Growth Area is consistent with the *Greater Parramatta Priority Growth Area Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan* dated July 2017 (the Interim Plan).

### Application

This direction applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal for land contained within the Greater Parramatta Priority Growth Area as shown on *Map Sheet S117\_GP\_001 Greater Parramatta Priority Growth Area Section 117 Direction Map* published on the Department of Planning and Environment website.

### Direction 1.7

(1) Planning proposals must be consistent with the interim Plan published in July 2017.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the interim Plan and does not undermine the achievement of its objectives, planning principles and priorities for the Greater Parramatta Priority Growth Area.

**Note:** The application of this Ministerial Direction may overlap with the application of *Ministerial Direction 1.20 Implementation of the Camellia-Rosehill Place Strategy*. In the instance of any inconsistency between this Ministerial Direction and Ministerial Direction 1.20, Ministerial Direction 1.20 prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

**Date commenced: 18 November 2022**

## 1.8 Implementation of Wilton Priority Growth Area Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to ensure development within the Wilton Priority Growth Area is consistent with the *Wilton Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan and Background Analysis*.

### Application

This direction applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal for land in the Wollondilly local government area that applies to land within the Wilton Priority Growth Area (being the Wilton Priority Growth Area within the meaning of chapter 3 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts - Western Parkland City) 2021*).

### Direction 1.8

- (1) A planning proposal is to be consistent with the *Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan and Background Analysis*, approved by the Minister for Planning and as published on 5 August 2017 on the website of the Department of Planning and Environment (Implementation Plan).

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the Implementation Plan only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the Implementation Plan and does not undermine the achievement of its objectives, planning principles and priorities for the Wilton Priority Growth Area.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 7.6)**

## 1.9 Implementation of Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to ensure development within the precincts between Glenfield and Macarthur is consistent with the plans for these precincts.

### Application

This direction applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal for land in the Campbelltown local government area that applies to land within the precincts between Glenfield and Macarthur.

### Direction 1.9

- (1) A planning proposal is to be consistent with the precinct plans approved by the Minister for Planning and published on the Department's website on 22 December 2017.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the precinct plans and does not undermine the achievement of its objectives, planning principles and priorities for the urban renewal corridor.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 7.7)**

## 1.10 Implementation of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to ensure development within the Western Sydney Aerotropolis is consistent with the *Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan* dated September 2020.

### Application

This direction applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal for land in the Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Liverpool, Penrith and Wollondilly local government areas that applies to land that is the subject of the chapter 4 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts- Western Parkland City) 2021*.

### Direction 1.10

- (1) A planning proposal is to be consistent with the *Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan* approved by the Minister for Planning and as published on 10 September 2020 on the website of the Department of Planning and Environment.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the *Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan* and does not undermine the achievement of its objectives, planning principles and priorities for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 7.8)**

## 1.11 Implementation of Bayside West Precincts 2036 Plan

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to ensure development within the Bayside West Precincts (Arncliffe, Banksia and Cooks Cove) is consistent with the *Bayside West Precincts 2036 Plan* (the Plan).

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal for land in the Bayside local government area that applies to land within the Bayside West Precincts in the Arncliffe, Banksia and Cooks Cove Bayside.

### Direction 1.11

- (1) A planning proposal authority must ensure that a planning proposal is consistent with the *Bayside West Precincts 2036 Plan*, approved by the Minister for Planning and published on the Department of Planning and Environment website in September 2018.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or their nominee), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the plan and does not undermine the achievement of its vision, objectives and planning principles for the Bayside West Precincts.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 7.9)**

## 1.12 Implementation of Planning Principles for the Cooks Cove Precinct

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to ensure development within the Cooks Cove Precinct is consistent with the Cooks Cove Planning Principles.

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal for land within the Cooks Cove Precinct in the Bayside local government area, as shown on Map Sheet LAP\_001 Cooks Cove Precinct Section 9.1 Direction.

### Direction 1.12

- (1) A planning proposal authority must ensure that a planning proposal is consistent with the following principles:
- (a) Enable the environmental repair of the site and provide for new recreation opportunities;
  - (b) Not compromise future transport links (such as the South-East Mass Transit link identified in *Future Transport 2056* and the *Greater Sydney Region Plan*) that will include the consideration of the preserved surface infrastructure corridor, noting constraints, including the Cooks River, geology, Sydney Airport and existing infrastructure will likely necessitate consideration of future sub-surface solutions and potential surface support uses;
  - (c) Create a highly liveable community that provides choice for the needs of residents, workers and visitors to Cooks Cove;
  - (d) Ensure best practice design and a high quality amenity with reference to the NSW design policy *Better Placed*;
  - (e) Deliver an enhanced, attractive, connected and publicly accessible foreshore and public open space network and protect and enhance the existing market garden;
  - (f) Safeguard the ongoing operation of Sydney Airport;
  - (g) Enhance walking and cycling connectivity and the use of public transport to encourage and support a healthy and diverse community and help deliver a 30-minute city;
  - (h) Deliver a safe road network that balances movement and place, provides connections to the immediate and surrounding areas, and is cognisant of the traffic conditions in this area; and
  - (i) Enhance the environmental attributes of the site, including protected flora and fauna, riparian areas and wetlands and heritage.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or their nominee), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the plan and does not undermine the achievement of the planning principles for the Cooks Cove Precinct.

**Note:** Map Sheet LAP\_001 Cooks Cove Precinct Section 9.1 Direction is available on the Department of Planning and Environment website

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 7.10)**



## 1.13 Implementation of St Leonards and Crows Nest 2036 Plan

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to ensure development within the St Leonards and Crows Nest Precinct is consistent with the *St Leonards and Crows Nest 2036 Plan* (the Plan).

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal for land within the St Leonards and Crows Nest Precinct in the North Sydney, Lane Cove, and Willoughby local government areas as shown on Map LAP\_001 *St Leonards and Crows Nest 2036 Plan* Ministerial direction published on the Department of Planning and Environment website on 29 August 2020.

### Direction 1.13

- (1) A planning proposal authority must ensure that a planning proposal is consistent with the St Leonards and Crows Nest 2036 Plan, approved by the Minister for Planning and published on the Department of Planning and Environment website on 29 August 2020.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or their nominee), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the Plan and does not undermine the achievement of the Plan's vision, objectives and actions.

**Note:** Map Sheet LAP\_001 St Leonards and Crows Nest 2036 Plan Ministerial Direction Map is available on the Department of Planning and Environment website.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 7.11)**

## 1.14 Implementation of Greater Macarthur 2040

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to ensure that development within the Greater Macarthur Growth Area is consistent with:

- (a) *Greater Macarthur 2040* dated November 2018,
- (b) the *Greater Macarthur Growth Area Structure Plan 2022* (Structure Plan), and
- (c) the *Guide to the Greater Macarthur Growth Area* (Guide).

### Application

This direction applies to when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal for land in the Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly local government areas that applies to land identified within *Greater Macarthur 2040* dated November 2018 and the *Greater Macarthur Growth Area Structure Plan 2022*.

### Direction 1.14

- (1) A planning proposal authority must ensure that a planning proposal is consistent with:
- (a) *Greater Macarthur 2040*, approved by the Minister for Planning and as published on 19 November 2018 on the website of the Department of Planning and Environment, and
  - (b) the Structure Plan and Guide, both published in December 2022 on the website of the Department of Planning and Environment.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or their nominee), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the *Greater Macarthur 2040* and does not undermine the achievement of its objectives, planning principles and priorities for the Greater Macarthur Growth Area.

**Issued to commence 1 January 2023 (replaces previous Direction 1.14)**

## 1.15 Implementation of the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy

### Objective

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) facilitate development within the Pyrmont Peninsula that is consistent with *the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy* (Place Strategy) and the *Economic Development Strategy*,
- (b) align the planning framework with the *Eastern City District Plan* Planning Priority E7 Growing a Stronger and More Competitive Harbour CBD and actively support the consistent delivery of objectives in the *Eastern City District Plan* and *Greater Sydney Region Plan*, and
- (c) guide growth and change balanced with character, heritage and infrastructure considerations (amongst others) across the Peninsula under the Place Strategy.

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal within land subject to the *Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy* in the City of Sydney local government area as shown on Map LAP\_001 Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy Ministerial Direction published on the Department of Planning and Environment website on 11 December 2020.

### Direction 1.15

- (1) A planning proposal authority must ensure that a planning proposal is consistent with the *Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy*, approved by the Minister for Planning and published on the Department of Planning and Environment website on 11 December 2020, including that it:
  - (a) gives effect to the objectives of this direction and the Vision (Part 5) of the *Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy*,
  - (b) is consistent with the 10 directions (Part 6) and Structure Plan (Part 8) in the *Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy*,
  - (c) delivers on envisaged future character for sub-precincts (Part 9), including relevant place priorities in the *Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy*, and
  - (d) supports the delivery of the Big Moves (Part 7) in the *Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy*.
- (2) A planning proposal authority must ensure that a planning proposal is consistent with the *Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy - Urban Design Report (Vol. 3 Sub-precinct Master Planning)* published on the Department of Planning and Environment website on 29 July 2022 (Urban Design Report), including the:
  - (a) Peninsula wide objectives contained in Part 2 of the Urban Design Report,
  - (b) the Peninsula height strategy contained in Part 3 of the Urban Design Report, and
  - (c) the sub-precinct master plans contained in Part 4 of the Urban Design Report.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or their nominee), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the *Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy* and Urban Design Report and does not undermine the achievement of the *Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy's* Vision, directions, Big Moves, sub-precinct Place Priorities, Framework for Key Sites and Key Infrastructure Opportunities.

**Date commenced: 29 July 2022**

## 1.16 North West Rail Link Corridor Strategy

### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) promote transit-oriented development and manage growth around the eight train stations of the North West Rail Link (NWRL), and
- (b) ensure development within the NWRL corridor is consistent with the proposals set out in the *NWRL Corridor Strategy* and precinct Structure Plans.

### Application

This direction applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal for land in the Hornsby, The Hills and Blacktown local government areas that applies to land within the North West Rail Link Corridor, as identified in the NWRL Corridor Strategy and Structure Plans.

### Direction 1.16

- (1) A planning proposal that applies to land located within the NWRL Corridor must:
  - (a) give effect to the objectives of this direction
  - (b) be consistent with the proposals of the NWRL Corridor Strategy, including the growth projections and proposed future character for each of the NWRL precincts
  - (c) promote the principles of transit-oriented development (TOD) of the NWRL Corridor Strategy.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary, which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objective of this direction, and
  - ii. identifies the land which is the subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), and
- (b) justified by a study (prepared in support of the planning proposal) which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (c) in accordance with the relevant Sub-Regional Delivery Plan prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (d) of minor significance.

**Note:** In the event of any inconsistency between this Ministerial Direction and *Ministerial Direction 1.22 Cherrybrook Station Precinct Place Strategy*, *Ministerial Direction 1.22* prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

**Date commenced: 16 December 2022**

## 1.17 Implementation of the Bays West Place Strategy

### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) facilitate development within the Bays West precinct that is consistent with the Bays West Place Strategy (Place Strategy) and the Urban Design Framework (which includes the Sustainability Framework and Connecting with Country Framework),
- (c) actively support the consistent delivery of objectives in the Eastern City District Plan and Greater Sydney Region Plan, and
- (d) guide growth and change balanced with character, Indigenous and European heritage, working harbour and infrastructure considerations across the Bays West precinct under the Place Strategy.

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal for land in the Inner West Council local government area as shown on Map LAP\_001 Bays West Place Strategy Ministerial Direction Map published on the Department of Planning and Environment website on 15 November 2021.

### Direction 1.17

- (1) A planning proposal authority must ensure that a planning proposal is consistent with the Bays West Place Strategy, approved by the Minister for Planning and published on the Department of Planning and Environment website on 15 November 2021, including that it:
  - (a) gives effect to the objectives of this Direction and the Vision of the Bays West Place Strategy,
  - (b) is consistent with the 14 Directions and Structure Plan(s) in the Bays West Place Strategy,
  - (c) delivers on envisaged future character for sub-precincts, and
  - (d) supports the delivery of the Big Moves in the Bays West Place Strategy.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment (or their nominee), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and / or
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the Bays West Place Strategy and does not undermine the achievement of the Plan's Vision, Directions, Big Moves, and subprecinct future characters.

**Note:** Map Sheet LAP\_001 Bays West Place Strategy Ministerial Direction Map is available on the Department of Planning and Environment website.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 7.14)**

## 1.18 Implementation of the Macquarie Park Innovation Precinct

### Objectives

The objective of this direction is to ensure development within the Macquarie Park Innovation Precinct is consistent with the Macquarie Park Innovation Precinct Place Strategy (Place Strategy) and Macquarie Park Innovation Precinct Strategic Master Plan (Master Plan).

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal for land in the City of Ryde local government area that applies to land identified as Macquarie Park Corridor and the Macquarie Park Investigation Area as shown on *Map Sheet LAP\_001 Macquarie Park Innovation Precinct* Ministerial Direction Map (August 2022).

### Direction 1.18

- (1) A planning proposal authority must ensure that a planning proposal is consistent with the Place Strategy (August 2022) and Master Plan (August 2022), approved by the Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes and published on the Department of Planning and Environment website on 30 September 2022.
- (2) A planning proposal must also:
  - (a) ensure the rezoning of land is aligned with the delivery of infrastructure, requiring any proposal to rezone land within the Macquarie Park Investigation Area to:
    - i. incorporate the outcomes of the Macquarie Park Innovation Precinct Detailed Transport Study;
    - ii. incorporate and address requirements of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan;
    - iii. ensure funding mechanisms are in place for the delivery of infrastructure required to support the growth proposed by the planning proposal, prior to rezoning, including local and regional infrastructure requirements.
  - (b) ensure 'Out of Sequence planning' landowner led planning proposals informed by detailed neighbourhood master plans are only progressed where full landowner agreement is achieved.
  - (c) ensure implementation aligns with the intent of the Waterloo Road Master Plan, prepared by Hassell, Version 3 date 28.8.2020, for City of Ryde and published by the City of Ryde council website <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/development/waterloo-road-active-street-master-plan-final-master-plan.pdf>.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment (or their nominee), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the Place Strategy.

**Note:** *Map Sheet LAP\_001 Macquarie Park Innovation Precinct* Ministerial Direction Map is available on the Department of Planning and Environment website.

**Date commenced: 30 September 2022**

## 1.19 Implementation of the Westmead Place Strategy

### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) facilitate development within the Westmead and Parramatta North precincts that is consistent with the Westmead Place Strategy, and
- (b) actively support the consistent delivery of objectives in the Central City District Plan and Greater Sydney Region Plan.

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal for land subject to the Westmead Place Strategy in the City of Parramatta Council and Cumberland Council local government areas as shown on *Map Sheet LAP\_001 Westmead Place Strategy Ministerial Direction* published on the Department of Planning and Environment website.

### Direction 1.18

- (1) A planning proposal authority must ensure that a planning proposal is consistent with the *Westmead Place Strategy*, approved by the Minister for Planning and published on the Department of Planning and Environment.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment (or their nominee), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance.

**Note:** *Map Sheet LAP\_001 Westmead Place Strategy Ministerial Direction* is available on the Department of Planning and Environment website.

**Date commenced: 21 October 2022**

## 1.20 Implementation of the Camellia-Rosehill Place Strategy

### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) facilitate development within the Camellia-Rosehill precinct that is consistent with the Camellia-Rosehill Place Strategy,
- (b) guide growth and change in the Camellia-Rosehill precinct in a coordinated manner, that delivers appropriate infrastructure and retains the precinct's role as an employment hub, and
- (c) actively support the consistent delivery of objectives in the Central City District Plan and Greater Sydney Region Plan.

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal for land subject to the Camellia-Rosehill Place Strategy in the City of Parramatta local government area, as shown on *Map Sheet LAP\_001 Camellia-Rosehill Place Strategy Section 9.1 Direction 1.20* map published on the Department of Planning and Environment website.

### Direction 1.20

- (1) A planning proposal authority must ensure that a planning proposal to which this Direction applies is consistent with the Camellia-Rosehill Place Strategy, approved by the Minister for Planning and published on the Department of Planning and Environment website.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment (or their nominee), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and/or
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the *Camellia-Rosehill Place Strategy* and does not undermine the achievement of the Strategy's Vision, Strategic Directions, Principles, Actions, Implementation and Staging plans, and the Master Plan, and
- (c) that the planning proposal is consistent with the envisaged future character for the sub-precincts, as established in the *Camellia-Rosehill Place Strategy*.

**Note:** The application of this Ministerial direction may overlap with the application of *Ministerial Direction 1.7 Implementation of Greater Parramatta Priority Growth Area Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan*. In the instance of any inconsistency between this Ministerial Direction and Ministerial Direction 1.7, this Ministerial Direction 1.20 prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

**Date commenced: 18 November 2022**



## 1.21 Implementation of South West Growth Area Structure Plan

### Objectives

The objective of this direction is to ensure that development within the South West Growth Area (also referred to as the South West Growth Centre) is consistent with Structure Plan and Guide dated December 2022.

### Application

This direction applies to when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal for land in the Camden, Campbelltown and Liverpool local government areas that applies to land within the South West Growth Area.

### Direction 1.21

- (1) A planning proposal authority must ensure that a planning proposal is consistent with the Structure Plan and Guide approved by the Minister for Planning and as published in December 2022 on the website of the Department of Planning and Environment.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or their nominee), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the Structure Plan and Guide and does not undermine the achievement of its objectives, planning principles and priorities for the South West Growth Area.

**Issued to commence 1 January 2023**

## 1.22 Implementation of the Cherrybrook Station Place Strategy

### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) facilitate development within the Cherrybrook Station Precinct that is consistent with the Cherrybrook Station Precinct Place Strategy, and
- (b) actively support the consistent delivery of objectives in the North District Plan and Greater Sydney Region Plan.

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal for land subject to the Cherrybrook Station Precinct Place Strategy in the Hornsby Shire Council and The Hills Shire Council local government areas, as shown on *Map Sheet LAP\_001 Cherrybrook Station Precinct Place Strategy* Ministerial Direction Map published on the Department of Planning and Environment website.

### Direction 1.22

- (1) A planning proposal authority must ensure that a planning proposal is consistent with the Cherrybrook Station Precinct Place Strategy, approved by the Minister for Planning and published on the Department of Planning and Environment website.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment (or their nominee), that:

- (a) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance, and
- (b) the planning proposal achieves the overall intent of the Cherrybrook Station Precinct Place Strategy.

**Note:** In the event of any inconsistency between this Ministerial Direction and *Ministerial Direction 1.16 North West Rail Link Corridor Strategy*, this Ministerial Direction prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

**Date commenced: 16 December 2022**

## Focus area 2: Design and Place

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## Focus area 3: Biodiversity and Conservation

### 3.1 Conservation Zones

#### Objective

The objective of this direction is to protect and conserve environmentally sensitive areas.

#### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities when preparing a planning proposal.

#### Direction 3.1

- (1) A planning proposal must include provisions that facilitate the protection and conservation of environmentally sensitive areas.
- (2) A planning proposal that applies to land within a conservation zone or land otherwise identified for environment conservation/protection purposes in a LEP must not reduce the conservation standards that apply to the land (including by modifying development standards that apply to the land). This requirement does not apply to a change to a development standard for minimum lot size for a dwelling in accordance with Direction 9.2 (2) of “*Rural Lands*”.

#### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objectives of this direction, and
  - ii. identifies the land which is the subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), or
- (b) justified by a study prepared in support of the planning proposal which gives consideration to the objectives of this direction, or
- (c) in accordance with the relevant Regional Strategy, Regional Plan or District Plan prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (d) is of minor significance.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 2.1)**

## 3.2 Heritage Conservation

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to conserve items, areas, objects and places of environmental heritage significance and indigenous heritage significance.

### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities when preparing a planning proposal.

### Direction 3.2

- (1) A planning proposal must contain provisions that facilitate the conservation of:
- (a) items, places, buildings, works, relics, moveable objects or precincts of environmental heritage significance to an area, in relation to the historical, scientific, cultural, social, archaeological, architectural, natural or aesthetic value of the item, area, object or place, identified in a study of the environmental heritage of the area,
  - (b) Aboriginal objects or Aboriginal places that are protected under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and
  - (c) Aboriginal areas, Aboriginal objects, Aboriginal places or landscapes identified by an Aboriginal heritage survey prepared by or on behalf of an Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal body or public authority and provided to the relevant planning authority, which identifies the area, object, place or landscape as being of heritage significance to Aboriginal culture and people.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that:

- (a) the environmental or indigenous heritage significance of the item, area, object or place is conserved by existing or draft environmental planning instruments, legislation, or regulations that apply to the land, or
- (b) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance.

**Note:** In this direction:

“conservation”, “environmental heritage”, “item”, “place” and “relic” have the same meaning as in the *Heritage Act 1977*.

“Aboriginal object”, “Aboriginal area” and “Aboriginal place” have the same meaning as in the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

Heritage conservation is covered by a compulsory clause in the *Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006*. An LEP that adopts the Standard Instrument should identify such items, areas, objects or places of environmental heritage significance or indigenous heritage significance as are relevant to the terms of this direction on the Heritage Map and relevant Schedule of the LEP.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 2.3)**

### 3.3 Sydney Drinking Water Catchments

#### Objective

The objective of this direction is to provide for healthy catchments and protect water quality in the Sydney drinking water catchment.

#### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal for land located in the Sydney drinking water catchment in the following local government areas:

Blacktown	Kiama	Upper Lachlan
Blue Mountains	Lithgow	Wingecarribee
Campbelltown	Oberon	Wollondilly
Snowy Monaro	Queanbeyan-Palerang	Wollongong
Eurobodalla	Shoalhaven	
Goulburn Mulwaree	Sutherland	

#### Direction 3.3

- (1) A planning proposal must be prepared in accordance with the general principle that water quality within the Sydney drinking water catchment must be protected, and in accordance with the following specific principles:
  - (a) new development within the Sydney drinking water catchment must have a neutral or beneficial effect on water quality (including groundwater), and
  - (b) future land use in the Sydney drinking water catchment should be matched to land and water capability, and
  - (c) the ecological values of land within a Special Area should be maintained.
- (2) When preparing a planning proposal, the planning proposal authority must:
  - (a) consult with Water NSW, describing the means by which the planning proposal gives effect to the water quality protection principles set out in paragraph (1) of this direction, and
  - (b) ensure that the proposal is consistent with Part 6.5 of Chapter 6 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021, and
  - (c) identify any existing water quality (including groundwater) risks to any waterway occurring on, or adjacent to the site, and
  - (d) give consideration to the outcomes of the Strategic Land and Water Capability Assessment prepared by WaterNSW, and
  - (e) zone land within the Special Areas generally in accordance with the following:

Land	Zone under Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006
Land reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974	C1 National Parks and Nature Reserves
Land in the ownership or under the care, control and management of Water NSW located above the full water supply level	C2 Environmental Conservation

Land	Zone under Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006
Land below the full water supply level (including water storage at dams and weirs) and operational land at dams, weirs, pumping stations etc.	SP2 Infrastructure (and marked “Water Supply Systems” on the Land Zoning Map)

and

- (f) include a copy of any information received from WaterNSW as a result of the consultation process in its planning proposal prior to the issuing of a gateway determination under section 3.34 of the EP&A Act.

## Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance.

**Note:** In this direction:

“Sydney drinking water catchment” has the same meaning as in the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*.

“Special Area” has the same meaning as in the *Water NSW Act 2014*.

“Strategic Land and Water Capability Assessment” means the series of land use capability maps and GIS data of this title, prepared by WaterNSW and as provided to councils in June 2009. The maps resulted from WaterNSW’s assessment of the physical capability of natural features of land and waterways to identify appropriate types and intensities of land use that will not adversely impact on water quality and catchment health.

**Date commenced: 21 November 2022**

## 3.4 Application of C2 and C3 Zones and Environmental Overlays in Far North Coast LEPs

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to ensure that a balanced and consistent approach is taken when applying conservation zones and overlays to land on the NSW Far North Coast.

### Application

This direction applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal within the Ballina, Byron, Kyogle, Lismore and Tweed local government areas that introduces or alters an C2 Environmental Conservation or C3 Environmental Management zone or introduces or alters an overlay and associated clause.

### Direction 3.4

- (1) A planning proposal that introduces or alters an C2 Environmental Conservation or C3 Environmental Management zone or an overlay and associated clause must apply that proposed C2 Environmental Conservation or C3 Environmental Management zone, or the overlay and associated clause, in line with the *Northern Councils E Zone Review Final Recommendations*.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 2.5)**



## 3.5 Recreation Vehicle Areas

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to protect sensitive land or land with significant conservation values from adverse impacts from recreation vehicles.

### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities when preparing a planning proposal.

### Direction 3.5

- (1) A planning proposal must not enable land to be developed for the purpose of a recreation vehicle area (within the meaning of the *Recreation Vehicles Act 1983*):
- (a) where the land is within a conservation zone,
  - (b) where the land comprises a beach or a dune adjacent to or adjoining a beach,
  - (c) where the land is not within an area or zone referred to in paragraphs (a) or (b) unless the relevant planning authority has taken into consideration:
    - i. the provisions of the guidelines entitled Guidelines for Selection, Establishment and Maintenance of Recreation Vehicle Areas, Soil Conservation Service of New South Wales, September, 1985, and
    - ii. the provisions of the guidelines entitled Recreation Vehicles Act 1983, Guidelines for Selection, Design, and Operation of Recreation Vehicle Areas, State Pollution Control Commission, September 1985.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objective of this direction, and
  - ii. identifies the land which is the subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), or
- (b) justified by a study prepared in support of the planning proposal which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (c) in accordance with the relevant Regional Strategy, Regional Plan or District Plan prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (d) of minor significance.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 2.4)**

## 3.6 Strategic Conservation Planning

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to protect, conserve or enhance areas with high biodiversity value.

### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities when preparing a planning proposal that relates to land that, under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*, is identified as avoided land or a strategic conservation area.

### Direction 3.6

- (1) A planning proposal authority must be satisfied that a planning proposal that applies to avoided land identified under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021* demonstrates that it is consistent with:
  - (a) the protection or enhancement of native vegetation,
  - (b) the protection or enhancement of riparian corridors, including native vegetation and water quality,
  - (c) the protection of threatened ecological communities, threatened species and their habitats,
  - (d) the protection or enhancement of koala habitat and corridors, and
  - (e) the protection of matters of national environmental significance.
- (2) A planning proposal authority must be satisfied that a planning proposal that applies to a strategic conservation area identified under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021* demonstrates that it is consistent with:
  - (a) the protection or enhancement of native vegetation,
  - (b) the minimisation of impacts on areas of regionally significant biodiversity, including threatened ecological communities, threatened species and their habitats,
  - (c) the protection or enhancement of koala habitat and corridors, including habitat connectivity and fauna movement, and links to ecological restoration areas, and
  - (d) the maintenance or enhancement of ecological function.
- (3) A planning proposal must not rezone land identified as avoided land in the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021* to:
  - (a) a rural, residential, employment, mixed use, SP1 Special Activities, SP2 Infrastructure, SP3 Tourist, SP4 Enterprise, SP5 Metropolitan Centre, RE2 Private Recreation, W4 Working Waterfront or equivalent zone.
- (4) A planning proposal must not rezone land identified as a strategic conservation area in the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021* to:
  - (a) RU4, RU5, RU6, residential, employment, mixed use, SP1 Special Activities, SP2 Infrastructure, SP3 Tourist, SP4 Enterprise, SP5 Metropolitan Centre, RE2 Private Recreation, W4 Working Waterfront or equivalent zone.

### Consistency

A planning proposal that proposes to rezone land identified as avoided land or a strategic conservation area under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021* to Zone SP2 Infrastructure may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that planning proposal demonstrate that:

- (a) the rezoning is to facilitate infrastructure that is required to service or support development within nominated areas; and
- (b) the planning proposal is consistent with the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan Guidelines.

**Note:** In this direction:

'nominated area' means the Greater Macarthur Growth Area, the Greater Penrith to Eastern Creek Investigation Area, the Western Sydney Aerotropolis and the Wilton Growth Area.

'Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan Guidelines' has the same meaning as in the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*.

**Date commenced: 20 February 2023**

## 3.7 Public Bushland

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to protect bushland in urban areas, including rehabilitated areas, and ensure the ecological viability of the bushland, by:

- (a) preserving:
  - i. biodiversity and habitat corridors,
  - ii. links between public bushland and other nearby bushland,
  - iii. bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface,
  - iv. existing hydrological landforms, processes and functions, including natural drainage lines, watercourses, wetlands and foreshores,
  - v. the recreational, educational, scientific, aesthetic, environmental, ecological and cultural values and potential of the land, and
- (b) mitigating disturbance caused by development,
- (c) giving priority to retaining public bushland.

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal for land in the following local government areas:

Bayside	Hornsby	Randwick
Blacktown	Hunters Hill	Ryde
Burwood	Inner West	Strathfield
Camden	Ku-ring-gai	Sutherland
Campbelltown	Lake Macquarie	Sydney
Canada Bay	Lane Cove	The Hills
Canterbury-Bankstown	Liverpool	Waverley
Central Coast	Mosman	Willoughby
Cumberland	North Sydney	Wollondilly
Fairfield	Northern Beaches	Woollahra
Georges River	Parramatta	
Hawkesbury (excluding land north of the Colo River)	Penrith	

### Direction 3.7

- (1) When preparing a planning proposal, the planning proposal authority must be satisfied that the planning proposal:
  - (a) is consistent with the objectives of this direction, and

- (b) gives priority to retaining public bushland, unless the planning proposal authority is satisfied that significant environmental, economic or social benefits will arise that outweigh the value of the public bushland.

## Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent:

- (a) are justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objective of this direction, and
  - ii. identifies the land which is the subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), or
- (b) are justified by a study prepared in support of the planning proposal which gives consideration to the objectives of this direction, or
- (c) are in accordance with any relevant regional strategic plan or district strategic plan, prepared under Division 3.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 by the relevant strategic planning authority, or
- (d) are of minor significance.

**Note:** In this direction:

Public bushland has the same meaning as the Standard Instrument-Principal Local Environmental Plan (SI LEP).

**Date commenced: 21 November 2022**

## 3.8 Willandra Lakes Region

### Objective

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) protect, conserve and manage the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Property (World Heritage Property) in accordance with a strategic plan of management prepared for World Heritage Property, and
- (b) establish a consultation process for making decisions on conservation and development within the World Heritage Property.

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal for land identified as the Willandra Lakes World Heritage Property, on the World Heritage Property Map, under the *Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010* and *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011*.

### Direction 3.8

(1) When preparing a planning proposal, the planning proposal authority must:

- (a) consult with the World Heritage Advisory Committee by:
  - i. sending written notice to the Committee that asks it to comment, within the consultation period, on the impact of the proposed local environmental plan (as set out in the planning proposal) on the World Heritage Property, including its outstanding universal values, and
  - ii. providing the Committee with a copy of the planning proposal with the written notice, and
  - iii. as far as is practicable, giving effect to any recommendations of the Committee made within the consultation period about the proposed local environmental plan, and
  - iv. considering any other comments made by the Committee within the consultation period in relation to the proposed local environmental plan, and
- (b) be satisfied the planning proposal is consistent with the following:
  - i. the objectives of this direction, and
  - ii. the plan of management prepared for Mungo National Park under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, if applicable, and
  - iii. a relevant strategic plan of management, and
  - iv. a relevant individual property plan.

(2) The World Heritage Advisory Committee may extend the 60-day consultation period by up to a further 60 days by advising the planning proposal authority in writing of the extension.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance.

**Note:** In this direction:

**Consultation period** means—

- (a) 60 days from the date on which the World Heritage Advisory Committee receives the written notice under clause (1), or

(b) A longer period up to 120 days if extended under clause (2)

If the planning proposal relates to land to which the *Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010* applies, **individual property plan, outstanding universal values, strategic plan of management** and **World Heritage Advisory Committee** have the same meaning as in the *Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010*.

If the planning proposal relates to land to which the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011* applies, **individual property plan, outstanding universal values, strategic plan of management** and **World Heritage Advisory Committee** have the same meaning as in the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011*.

**Date commenced: 21 November 2022**

## 3.9 Sydney Harbour Foreshores and Waterways Area

### Objective

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) protect and enhance the natural assets and unique environmental, scenic and visual qualities of Sydney Harbour and its islands and foreshores
- (b) minimise risk to development from rising sea levels or changing flood patterns as a result of climate change
- (c) ensure the protection, maintenance and rehabilitation of watercourses, wetlands, riparian lands, remnant vegetation and ecological connectivity
- (d) protect or enhance terrestrial and aquatic species, populations and ecological communities, including by avoiding physical damage to, or shading of, aquatic vegetation,
- (e) promote the equitable use of the Foreshores and Waterways Area
- (f) protect the cultural heritage significance of Sydney Harbour, its islands and foreshores
- (g) ensure a prosperous working harbour and effective transport corridor; and
- (h) encourage a culturally rich and vibrant place for people.

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal for land within the Foreshores and Waterways Area as defined in the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*.

### Direction 3.9

- (1) When preparing a planning proposal, the planning proposal authority must consider whether the planning proposal:
  - (a) is consistent with the following principles:
    - i. Sydney Harbour is a public resource, owned by the public, to be protected for the public good, and
    - ii. the public good has precedence over the private good, and
    - iii. the protection of the natural assets of Sydney Harbour has precedence over all other interests, and
  - (b) enables the following:
    - i. the protection, maintenance and enhancement of the natural assets and unique environmental, visual, and cultural qualities of Sydney Harbour and its islands and foreshores, and
    - ii. increased, maintained, or improved public access to and along the foreshore and to and from the waterways for public recreational purposes, while minimising impact on watercourses, wetlands, riparian lands and remnant vegetation, and
    - iii. the retention of foreshore land to meet existing and future demand for working harbour uses, and
    - iv. public access along foreshore land that does not interfere with industrial or commercial maritime uses, and
    - v. foreshore land adjacent to land used for industrial or commercial maritime purposes is used for compatible purposes, and



- vi. links between water-based public transport and land-based public transport at appropriate public spaces along the waterfront, and
  - vii. the provision and use of public boating facilities along the waterfront, and
- (c) recognises and protects Sydney Harbour and its islands and foreshores as places of exceptional heritage significance by:
- i. acknowledging the significance of Sydney Harbour for local Aboriginal communities and the role it played in European occupation, and
  - ii. conserving the significant fabric, settings, relics and views associated with the heritage significance of heritage items, and
  - iii. protecting the natural, scenic, environmental and cultural qualities of the Foreshores and Waterways Area, and
  - iv. conserving archaeological sites and places of Aboriginal heritage significance.
- (d) meets the targets set out in the NSW Water Quality and River Flow Objectives: Sydney Harbour and Parramatta River, as published by the Department of Planning and Environment.

## Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objectives of this direction, and
  - ii. identifies the land which is the subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), or
- (b) justified by a study prepared in support of the planning proposals which gives consideration to the objectives of this direction, or
- (c) in accordance with any relevant regional strategic plan or district strategic plan, prepared under Division 3.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* by the relevant strategic planning authority, or
- (d) of minor significance.

**Note:** In this direction:

*conservation* and *relic* have the same meaning as in the *Heritage Act 1977*.

**Date commenced: 21 November 2022**

## 3.10 Water Catchment Protection

### Objective

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) maintain and improve the water quality (including ground water) and flows of natural waterbodies, and reduce urban run-off and stormwater pollution
- (b) protect and improve the hydrological, ecological and geomorphological processes of natural waterbodies and their connectivity
- (c) protect and enhance the environmental quality of water catchments by managing them in an ecologically sustainable manner, for the benefit of all users
- (d) protect, maintain and rehabilitate watercourses, wetlands, riparian lands and their vegetation and ecological connectivity.

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal which will affect land within a regulated catchment, excluding the Sydney Drinking Water Catchment, within the meaning of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*.

### Direction 3.10

- (1) When preparing a planning proposal, the planning proposal authority must be satisfied that the planning proposal achieves the following:
  - (a) is consistent with the objectives of this direction,
  - (b) is consistent with the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality, as published by Water Quality Australia, and any water quality management plan prepared in accordance with those guidelines,
  - (c) includes documentation, prepared by a suitably qualified person(s), indicating whether the planning proposal:
    - i. is likely to have an adverse direct, indirect or cumulative impact on terrestrial, aquatic or migratory animals or vegetation, and any steps taken to minimise such impacts
    - ii. is likely to have an impact on periodic flooding that may affect wetlands and other riverine ecosystems
    - iii. is likely to have an adverse impact on recreational land uses within the regulated catchment
  - (d) identifies and considers the cumulative impact of the planning proposal on water quality (including groundwater) and flows of natural waterbodies and on the environment more generally, including on land adjacent to or downstream of the area to which this direction applies,
  - (e) identifies how the planning proposal will:
    - i. protect and improve environmental values, having regard to maintaining biodiversity, and protecting native vegetation, cultural heritage and water resources (including groundwater),
    - ii. impact the scenic quality of the natural waterbodies and the social, economic and environmental interests of the community,
    - iii. protect and rehabilitate land from current and future urban salinity, and prevent or restore land degradation,

- (f) considers any feasible alternatives to the planning proposal.
- (2) When preparing a planning proposal, the planning proposal authority must:
- (a) consult with the councils of adjacent or downstream local government areas where the planning proposal is likely to have an adverse environmental impact on land in that local government area, and
  - (b) as far as is practicable, give effect to any requests of the adjacent or downstream council.

## Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that any provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objective of this direction, and
  - ii. identifies the land which is subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), or
- (b) justified by a study prepared in support of the planning proposal which gives consideration to the objectives of this direction, or
- (c) in accordance with any relevant regional strategic plan or district strategic plan, prepared under Division 3.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* by the relevant strategic planning authority, or
- (d) of minor significance.

**Date commenced: 21 November 2022**

## Focus area 4: Resilience and Hazards

### 4.1 Flooding

#### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) ensure that development of flood prone land is consistent with the NSW Government's Flood Prone Land Policy and the principles of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005, and
- (b) ensure that the provisions of an LEP that apply to flood prone land are commensurate with flood behaviour and includes consideration of the potential flood impacts both on and off the subject land.

#### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities that are responsible for flood prone land when preparing a planning proposal that creates, removes or alters a zone or a provision that affects flood prone land.

#### Direction 4.1

- (1) A planning proposal must include provisions that give effect to and are consistent with:
  - (a) the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy,
  - (b) the principles of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005,
  - (c) the Considering flooding in land use planning guideline 2021, and
  - (d) any adopted flood study and/or floodplain risk management plan prepared in accordance with the principles of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005 and adopted by the relevant council.
- (2) A planning proposal must not rezone land within the flood planning area from Recreation, Rural, Special Purpose or Conservation Zones to a Residential, Employment, Mixed Use, W4 Working Waterfront or Special Purpose Zones.
- (3) A planning proposal must not contain provisions that apply to the flood planning area which:
  - (a) permit development in floodway areas,
  - (b) permit development that will result in significant flood impacts to other properties,
  - (c) permit development for the purposes of residential accommodation in high hazard areas,
  - (d) permit a significant increase in the development and/or dwelling density of that land,
  - (e) permit development for the purpose of centre-based childcare facilities, hostels, boarding houses, group homes, hospitals, residential care facilities, respite day care centres and seniors housing in areas where the occupants of the development cannot effectively evacuate,
  - (f) permit development to be carried out without development consent except for the purposes of exempt development or agriculture. Dams, drainage canals, levees, still require development consent,
  - (g) are likely to result in a significantly increased requirement for government spending on emergency management services, flood mitigation and emergency response measures, which can include but are not limited to the provision of road infrastructure, flood mitigation infrastructure and utilities, or
  - (h) permit hazardous industries or hazardous storage establishments where hazardous materials cannot be effectively contained during the occurrence of a flood event.

- (4) A planning proposal must not contain provisions that apply to areas between the flood planning area and probable maximum flood to which Special Flood Considerations apply which:
- (a) permit development in floodway areas,
  - (b) permit development that will result in significant flood impacts to other properties,
  - (c) permit a significant increase in the dwelling density of that land,
  - (d) permit the development of centre-based childcare facilities, hostels, boarding houses, group homes, hospitals, residential care facilities, respite day care centres and seniors housing in areas where the occupants of the development cannot effectively evacuate,
  - (e) are likely to affect the safe occupation of and efficient evacuation of the lot, or
  - (f) are likely to result in a significantly increased requirement for government spending on emergency management services, and flood mitigation and emergency response measures, which can include but not limited to road infrastructure, flood mitigation infrastructure and utilities.
- (5) For the purposes of preparing a planning proposal, the flood planning area must be consistent with the principles of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005 or as otherwise determined by a Floodplain Risk Management Study or Plan adopted by the relevant council.

## Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or their nominee) that:

- (a) the planning proposal is in accordance with a floodplain risk management study or plan adopted by the relevant council in accordance with the principles and guidelines of the *Floodplain Development Manual 2005*, or
- (b) where there is no council adopted floodplain risk management study or plan, the planning proposal is consistent with the flood study adopted by the council prepared in accordance with the principles of the *Floodplain Development Manual 2005* or
- (c) the planning proposal is supported by a flood and risk impact assessment accepted by the relevant planning authority and is prepared in accordance with the principles of *the Floodplain Development Manual 2005* and consistent with the relevant planning authorities' requirements, or
- (d) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance as determined by the relevant planning authority.

**Note:** In this direction:

- (a) "flood prone land" "flood storage" "floodway" and "high hazard" have the same meaning as in the Floodplain Development Manual 2005.
- (b) "flood planning level" "flood behaviour" and "flood planning area" has the same meaning as in the Considering flooding in land use planning guideline 2021.
- (c) Special flood considerations are outlined in the Considering flooding in land use planning guideline 2021 and an optional clause in the *Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006*.
- (d) Under the floodplain risk management process outlined in the NSW Government's Floodplain Development Manual 2005, councils may produce a flood study followed by a floodplain risk management study and floodplain risk management plan.

**Date commenced: 20 February 2023**

## 4.2 Coastal Management

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to protect and manage coastal areas of NSW.

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal that applies to land that is within the coastal zone, as defined under the *Coastal Management Act 2016* - comprising the coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests area, coastal vulnerability area, coastal environment area and coastal use area - and as identified by chapter 2 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021*.

### Direction 4.2

- (1) A planning proposal must include provisions that give effect to and are consistent with:
  - (a) the objects of the *Coastal Management Act 2016* and the objectives of the relevant coastal management areas;
  - (b) the NSW Coastal Management Manual and associated Toolkit;
  - (c) section 3.2 of the *NSW Coastal Design Guidelines 2023*; and
  - (d) any relevant Coastal Management Program that has been certified by the Minister, or any Coastal Zone Management Plan under the *Coastal Protection Act 1979* that continues to have effect under clause 4 of Schedule 3 to the *Coastal Management Act 2016*, that applies to the land.
- (2) A planning proposal must not rezone land which would enable increased development or more intensive land-use on land:
  - (a) within a coastal vulnerability area identified by chapter 2 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021*; or
  - (b) that has been identified as land affected by a current or future coastal hazard in a local environmental plan or development control plan, or a study or assessment undertaken:
    - i. by or on behalf of the relevant planning authority and the planning proposal authority, or
    - ii. by or on behalf of a public authority and provided to the relevant planning authority and the planning proposal authority.
- (3) A planning proposal must not rezone land which would enable increased development or more intensive land-use on land within a coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests area identified by chapter 2 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021*.
- (4) A planning proposal for a local environmental plan may propose to amend the following maps, including increasing or decreasing the land within these maps, under chapter 2 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021*:
  - (a) Coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests area map;
  - (b) Coastal vulnerability area map;
  - (c) Coastal environment area map; and
  - (d) Coastal use area map.

Such a planning proposal must be supported by evidence in a relevant Coastal Management Program that has been certified by the Minister, or by a *Coastal Zone Management Plan* under the *Coastal Protection Act 1979* that continues to have effect under clause 4 of Schedule 3 to the *Coastal Management Act 2016*.

**Note:** Under section 10(2) of the *Coastal Management Act 2016*, any provision of an LEP that identifies a coastal management area (or part of such an area) must not be made without the recommendation of the Minister administering the *Coastal Management Act 2016*.

## Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or their nominee) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a study or strategy prepared in support of the planning proposal which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (b) in accordance with any relevant Regional Strategic Plan or District Strategic Plan, prepared under Division 3.1 of the EP&A Act by the relevant strategic planning authority, which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (c) of minor significance.

**Note:** “Coastal hazard” and “Coastal Management Program” are defined in the *Coastal Management Act 2016*.

**Issued to commence 10 November 2023**

## 4.3 Planning for Bushfire Protection

### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) protect life, property and the environment from bush fire hazards, by discouraging the establishment of incompatible land uses in bush fire prone areas, and
- (b) encourage sound management of bush fire prone areas.

### Application

This direction applies to all local government areas when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal that will affect, or is in proximity to, land mapped as bushfire prone land.

This applies where the relevant planning authority is required to prepare a bush fire prone land map under section 10.3 of the EP&A Act, or, until such a map has been certified by the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service, a map referred to in Schedule 6 of that Act.

### Direction 4.3

- (1) In the preparation of a planning proposal the relevant planning authority must consult with the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service following receipt of a gateway determination under section 3.34 of the Act, and prior to undertaking community consultation in satisfaction of clause 4, Schedule 1 to the EP&A Act, and take into account any comments so made.
- (2) A planning proposal must:
  - (a) have regard to *Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019*,
  - (b) introduce controls that avoid placing inappropriate developments in hazardous areas, and
  - (c) ensure that bushfire hazard reduction is not prohibited within the Asset Protection Zone (APZ).
- (3) A planning proposal must, where development is proposed, comply with the following provisions, as appropriate:
  - (a) provide an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) incorporating at a minimum:
    - i. an Inner Protection Area bounded by a perimeter road or reserve which circumscribes the hazard side of the land intended for development and has a building line consistent with the incorporation of an APZ, within the property, and
    - ii. an Outer Protection Area managed for hazard reduction and located on the bushland side of the perimeter road,
  - (b) for infill development (that is development within an already subdivided area), where an appropriate APZ cannot be achieved, provide for an appropriate performance standard, in consultation with the NSW Rural Fire Service. If the provisions of the planning proposal permit Special Fire Protection Purposes (as defined under section 100B of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*), the APZ provisions must be complied with,
  - (c) contain provisions for two-way access roads which links to perimeter roads and/or to fire trail networks,
  - (d) contain provisions for adequate water supply for firefighting purposes,
  - (e) minimise the perimeter of the area of land interfacing the hazard which may be developed,
  - (f) introduce controls on the placement of combustible materials in the Inner Protection Area.



## Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the council has obtained written advice from the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service to the effect that, notwithstanding the non-compliance, the NSW Rural Fire Service does not object to the progression of the planning proposal.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 4.4)**

## 4.4 Remediation of Contaminated Land

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to reduce the risk of harm to human health and the environment by ensuring that contamination and remediation are considered by planning proposal authorities.

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal that applies to:

- (a) land that is within an investigation area within the meaning of the *Contaminated Land Management Act 1997*,
- (b) land on which development for a purpose referred to in Table 1 to the contaminated land planning guidelines is being, or is known to have been, carried out,
- (c) the extent to which it is proposed to carry out development on it for residential, educational, recreational or childcare purposes, or for the purposes of a hospital – land:
  - i. in relation to which there is no knowledge (or incomplete knowledge) as to whether development for a purpose referred to in Table 1 to the contaminated land planning guidelines has been carried out, and
  - ii. on which it would have been lawful to carry out such development during any period in respect of which there is no knowledge (or incomplete knowledge).

### Direction 4.4

- (1) A planning proposal authority must not include in a particular zone (within the meaning of the local environmental plan) any land to which this direction applies if the inclusion of the land in that zone would permit a change of use of the land, unless:
  - (a) the planning proposal authority has considered whether the land is contaminated, and
  - (b) if the land is contaminated, the planning proposal authority is satisfied that the land is suitable in its contaminated state (or will be suitable, after remediation) for all the purposes for which land in the zone concerned is permitted to be used, and
  - (c) if the land requires remediation to be made suitable for any purpose for which land in that zone is permitted to be used, the planning proposal authority is satisfied that the land will be so remediated before the land is used for that purpose.
 

In order to satisfy itself as to paragraph 1(c), the planning proposal authority may need to include certain provisions in the local environmental plan.
- (2) Before including any land to which this direction applies in a particular zone, the planning proposal authority is to obtain and have regard to a report specifying the findings of a preliminary investigation of the land carried out in accordance with the contaminated land planning guidelines.

**Note:** In this direction, **contaminated land planning guidelines** means guidelines under clause 3 of Schedule 6 to the EP&A Act.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 2.6)**

## 4.5 Acid Sulfate Soils

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to avoid significant adverse environmental impacts from the use of land that has a probability of containing acid sulfate soils.

### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities that are responsible for land having a probability of containing acid sulfate soils when preparing a planning proposal that will apply to land having a probability of containing acid sulfate soils as shown on the Acid Sulfate Soils Planning Maps held by the Department of Planning and Environment.

### Direction 4.5

- (1) The relevant planning authority must consider the *Acid Sulfate Soils Planning Guidelines* adopted by the Planning Secretary when preparing a planning proposal that applies to any land identified on the Acid Sulfate Soils Planning Maps as having a probability of acid sulfate soils being present.
- (2) When a relevant planning authority is preparing a planning proposal to introduce provisions to regulate works in acid sulfate soils, those provisions must be consistent with:
  - (a) the Acid Sulfate Soils Model LEP in the *Acid Sulfate Soils Planning Guidelines* adopted by the Planning Secretary, or
  - (b) other such provisions provided by the Planning Secretary that are consistent with the *Acid Sulfate Soils Planning Guidelines*.
- (3) A relevant planning authority must not prepare a planning proposal that proposes an intensification of land uses on land identified as having a probability of containing acid sulfate soils on the Acid Sulfate Soils Planning Maps unless the relevant planning authority has considered an acid sulfate soils study assessing the appropriateness of the change of land use given the presence of acid sulfate soils. The relevant planning authority must provide a copy of any such study to the Planning Secretary prior to undertaking community consultation in satisfaction of clause 4 of Schedule 1 to the Act.
- (4) Where provisions referred to under 2(a) and 2(b) above of this direction have not been introduced and the relevant planning authority is preparing a planning proposal that proposes an intensification of land uses on land identified as having a probability of acid sulfate soils on the Acid Sulfate Soils Planning Maps, the planning proposal must contain provisions consistent with 2(a) and 2(b).

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a study prepared in support of the planning proposal which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (b) of minor significance.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 4.1)**

## 4.6 Mine Subsidence and Unstable Land

### Objective

The objective of this direction is to prevent damage to life, property and the environment on land identified as unstable or potentially subject to mine subsidence.

### Application

This direction applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal that permits development on land that is within a declared mine subsidence district in the *Coal Mine Subsidence Compensation Regulation 2017* pursuant to section 20 of the *Coal Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 2017*, or has been identified as unstable in a study, strategy or other assessment undertaken by or on behalf of the relevant planning authority or by or on behalf of a public authority and provided to the relevant planning authority.

### Direction 4.6

- (1) When preparing a planning proposal that would permit development on land that is within a declared mine subsidence district, a relevant planning authority must:
  - (a) consult Subsidence Advisory NSW to ascertain:
    - i. if Subsidence Advisory NSW has any objection to the draft local environmental plan, and the reason for such an objection, and
    - ii. the scale, density and type of development that is appropriate for the potential level of subsidence, and
  - (b) incorporate provisions into the draft Local Environmental Plan that are consistent with the recommended scale, density and type of development recommended under 1(a)(ii), and
  - (c) include a copy of any information received from Subsidence Advisory NSW with the statement to the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary prior to undertaking community consultation in satisfaction of Schedule 1 to the Act.
- (2) A planning proposal must not permit development on land that has been identified as unstable as referred to in the application section of this direction.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objective of this direction, and
  - ii. identifies the land which is the subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), or
- (b) justified by a study prepared in support of the planning proposal which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (c) in accordance with the relevant Regional Strategy, Regional Plan or District Plan prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (d) of minor significance.

**Note:** With regard to development applications, section 22 of the *Coal Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 2017* requires approval from the Chief Executive of Subsidence Advisory NSW to alter or erect improvements within a mine subsidence district or to subdivide land therein.

Section 4.46 of the EP&A Act provides that approval under section 22 of the *Coal Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 2017* is integrated development. Section 4.47 of the EP&A Act provides that the consent authority must obtain from the relevant approval body (Subsidence Advisory NSW) the general terms of any approval proposed to be granted by the approval body in relation to the development. A consent granted by the consent authority must be consistent with the general terms of any approval proposed to be granted by the approval body.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 4.2)**

## Focus area 5: Transport and Infrastructure

### 5.1 Integrating Land Use and Transport

#### Objectives

The objective of this direction is to ensure that urban structures, building forms, land use locations, development designs, subdivision and street layouts achieve the following planning objectives:

- (a) improving access to housing, jobs and services by walking, cycling and public transport, and
- (b) increasing the choice of available transport and reducing dependence on cars, and
- (c) reducing travel demand including the number of trips generated by development and the distances travelled, especially by car, and
- (d) supporting the efficient and viable operation of public transport services, and
- (e) providing for the efficient movement of freight.

#### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities when preparing a planning proposal that will create, alter or remove a zone or a provision relating to urban land, including land zoned for residential, employment, village or tourist purposes.

#### Direction 5.1

- (1) A planning proposal must locate zones for urban purposes and include provisions that give effect to and are consistent with the aims, objectives and principles of:
  - (a) *Improving Transport Choice – Guidelines for planning and development* (DUAP 2001), and
  - (b) *The Right Place for Business and Services – Planning Policy* (DUAP 2001).

#### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objective of this direction, and
  - ii. identifies the land which is the subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), or
- (b) justified by a study prepared in support of the planning proposal which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (c) in accordance with the relevant Regional Strategy, Regional Plan or District Plan prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (d) of minor significance.

**Date commenced: 20 February 2023**

## 5.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes

### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) facilitate the provision of public services and facilities by reserving land for public purposes, and
- (b) facilitate the removal of reservations of land for public purposes where the land is no longer required for acquisition.

### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities when preparing a planning proposal.

### Direction 5.2

- (1) A planning proposal must not create, alter or reduce existing zonings or reservations of land for public purposes without the approval of the relevant public authority and the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary).
- (2) When a Minister or public authority requests a relevant planning authority to reserve land for a public purpose in a planning proposal and the land would be required to be acquired under Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*, the relevant planning authority must:
  - (a) reserve the land in accordance with the request, and
  - (b) include the land in a zone appropriate to its intended future use or a zone advised by the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary), and
  - (c) identify the relevant acquiring authority for the land.
- (3) When a Minister or public authority requests a relevant planning authority to include provisions in a planning proposal relating to the use of any land reserved for a public purpose before that land is acquired, the relevant planning authority must:
  - (a) include the requested provisions, or
  - (b) take such other action as advised by the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) with respect to the use of the land before it is acquired.
- (4) When a Minister or public authority requests a relevant planning authority to include provisions in a planning proposal to rezone and/or remove a reservation of any land that is reserved for public purposes because the land is no longer designated by that public authority for acquisition, the relevant planning authority must rezone and/or remove the relevant reservation in accordance with the request.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that:

- (a) with respect to a request referred to in paragraph (4), further information is required before appropriate planning controls for the land can be determined, or
- (b) the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent with the terms of this direction are of minor significance.

**Note:** Clause 10 of the EP&A Reg 2000 provides that a planning proposal for a proposed local environmental plan may not contain a proposed reservation of land for a purpose referred to in section 3.14 (1)(c) of the EP&A Act unless the public authority that is to be designated for the purposes of section 3.15 of the Act as the authority required to acquire the land has notified the relevant planning authority of its concurrence to the reservation of the land for that purpose.

In this direction:

- “public authority” has the same meaning as section 1.4 of the EP&A Act.
- the use or reservation of land for a public purpose has the same meaning as in section 3.14(1)(c) of the EP&A Act.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 6.2)**



## 5.3 Development Near Regulated Airports and Defence Airfields

### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) ensure the effective and safe operation of regulated airports and defence airfields;
- (b) ensure that their operation is not compromised by development that constitutes an obstruction, hazard or potential hazard to aircraft flying in the vicinity; and
- (c) ensure development, if situated on noise sensitive land, incorporates appropriate mitigation measures so that the development is not adversely affected by aircraft noise.

### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities when preparing a planning proposal that will create, alter or remove a zone or a provision relating to land near a regulated airport which includes a defence airfield.

### Direction 5.3

- (1) In the preparation of a planning proposal that sets controls for development of land near a regulated airport, the relevant planning authority must:
  - (a) consult with the lessee/operator of that airport;
  - (b) take into consideration the operational airspace and any advice from the lessee/operator of that airport;
  - (c) for land affected by the operational airspace, prepare appropriate development standards, such as height controls.
  - (d) not allow development types that are incompatible with the current and future operation of that airport.
- (2) In the preparation of a planning proposal that sets controls for development of land near a core regulated airport, the relevant planning authority must:
  - (a) consult with the Department of the Commonwealth responsible for airports and the lessee/operator of that airport;
  - (b) for land affected by the prescribed airspace (as defined in clause 6(1) of the *Airports (Protection of Airspace) Regulation 1996*, prepare appropriate development standards, such as height controls.
  - (c) not allow development types that are incompatible with the current and future operation of that airport.
  - (d) obtain permission from that Department of the Commonwealth, or their delegate, where a planning proposal seeks to allow, as permissible with consent, development that would constitute a controlled activity as defined in section 182 of the *Airports Act 1996*. This permission must be obtained prior to undertaking community consultation in satisfaction of Schedule 1 to the EP&A Act.
- (3) In the preparation of a planning proposal that sets controls for the development of land near a defence airfield, the relevant planning authority must:
  - (a) consult with the Department of Defence if:
    - i. the planning proposal seeks to exceed the height provisions contained in the *Defence Regulations 2016 – Defence Aviation Areas* for that airfield; or
    - ii. no height provisions exist in the *Defence Regulations 2016 – Defence Aviation Areas* for the airfield and the proposal is within 15km of the airfield.
  - (b) for land affected by the operational airspace, prepare appropriate development standards, such as height controls.
  - (c) not allow development types that are incompatible with the current and future operation of that airfield.

- (4) A planning proposal must include a provision to ensure that development meets *Australian Standard 2021 – 2015, Acoustic- Aircraft Noise Intrusion – Building siting and construction* with respect to interior noise levels, if the proposal seeks to rezone land:
- (a) for residential purposes or to increase residential densities in areas where the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) is between 20 and 25; or
  - (b) for hotels, motels, offices or public buildings where the ANEF is between 25 and 30; or
  - (c) for commercial or industrial purposes where the ANEF is above 30.
- (5) A planning proposal must not contain provisions for residential development or to increase residential densities within the 20 Australian Noise Exposure Concept (ANEC)/ANEF contour for Western Sydney Airport.

## Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary, which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objectives of this direction; and
  - ii. identifies the land which is the subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), or
- (b) justified by a study prepared in support of the planning proposal which gives consideration to the objectives of this direction; or
- (c) in accordance with the relevant Regional Plan prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment which gives consideration to the objectives of this direction.

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## 5.4 Shooting Ranges

### Objectives

The objectives are to:

- (a) maintain appropriate levels of public safety and amenity when rezoning land adjacent to an existing shooting range,
- (b) reduce land use conflict arising between existing shooting ranges and rezoning of adjacent land,
- (c) identify issues that must be addressed when giving consideration to rezoning land adjacent to an existing shooting range.

### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities when preparing a planning proposal that will affect, create, alter or remove a zone or a provision relating to land adjacent to and/ or adjoining an existing shooting range.

### Direction 5.4

- (1) A planning proposal must not seek to rezone land adjacent to and/ or adjoining an existing shooting range that has the effect of:
  - (a) permitting more intensive land uses than those which are permitted under the existing zone; or
  - (b) permitting land uses that are incompatible with the noise emitted by the existing shooting range.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary, which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objectives of this direction, and
  - ii. identifies the land which is the subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), or
- (b) justified by a study prepared in support of the planning proposal which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (c) is of minor significance.

**Note:** In this direction, an “existing shooting range” means a shooting range the subject of a valid approval issued under the *Firearms Act 1996* and *Firearms Regulation 2006* (now repealed) or *Firearms Regulation 2017*, and includes the Range Danger Area of that shooting range.

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## 5.5 High pressure dangerous goods pipelines

### Objectives

The objective of this direction is to reduce the risk of harm to human health and the environment by ensuring high pressure dangerous goods pipelines (relevant pipelines) are considered by planning proposal authorities.

### Application

This direction applies when a planning proposal authority prepares a planning proposal that would permit development for one or more of the specified uses in the application area of relevant pipelines.

### Direction 5.5

- (1) A planning proposal authority must consider risks to the integrity of relevant pipelines, human health and the environment when preparing a planning proposal that would permit development for one or more of the specified uses in the application area of relevant pipelines.
- (2) When considering the risks in (1), the planning proposal authority must consider the pipeline guidelines.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the planning proposal authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or their nominee) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a study or strategy prepared in support of the planning proposal which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (b) of minor significance.

**Note:** In this direction:

“relevant pipelines” has the same meaning as section 2.77(3) of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021*.

“application area” is the area between either side of the following pipelines:

- 140 metres from either side of a gasoline pipeline, ethane pipeline or jet fuel pipeline, or
- 200 metres from either side of a natural gas pipeline.

“pipeline guidelines” means the *Guideline for planning proposals near High Pressure Dangerous Goods pipelines*, published on the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure website.

“specified uses” means any of the following:

- Development for sensitive land uses.
- Development that may result in a significant population increase.

“sensitive land uses” means any of the following development (including as part of mixed use development): correctional centre, centre-based childcare, health services facility (if using general anaesthetic), school, seniors housing.

“development that may result in a significant population increase” means any of the following development (including as part of mixed use development): attached dwelling, multi-dwelling housing, residential flat building, group homes, boarding house, co-living housing, seniors housing, hostel, manor houses, health services facility, centre-based childcare, educational establishment, industrial development (excluding home industry), entertainment facility, tourist and visitor accommodation (excluding farm stay accommodation), commercial premises (excluding take-away food and drink premises), correctional centre.

**Date commenced: 1 August 2024**

# Focus area 6: Housing

## 6.1 Residential Zones

### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) encourage a variety and choice of housing types to provide for existing and future housing needs,
- (b) make efficient use of existing infrastructure and services and ensure that new housing has appropriate access to infrastructure and services, and
- (c) minimise the impact of residential development on the environment and resource lands.

### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities when preparing a planning proposal that will affect land within an existing or proposed residential zone (including the alteration of any existing residential zone boundary), or any other zone in which significant residential development is permitted or proposed to be permitted.

### Direction 6.1

- (1) A planning proposal must include provisions that encourage the provision of housing that will:
  - (a) broaden the choice of building types and locations available in the housing market, and
  - (b) make more efficient use of existing infrastructure and services, and
  - (c) reduce the consumption of land for housing and associated urban development on the urban fringe, and
  - (d) be of good design.
- (2) A planning proposal must, in relation to land to which this direction applies:
  - (a) contain a requirement that residential development is not permitted until land is adequately serviced (or arrangements satisfactory to the council, or other appropriate authority, have been made to service it), and
  - (b) not contain provisions which will reduce the permissible residential density of land.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objective of this direction, and
  - ii. identifies the land which is the subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), or
- (b) justified by a study prepared in support of the planning proposal which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (c) in accordance with the relevant Regional Strategy, Regional Plan or District Plan prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (d) of minor significance.

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## 6.2 Caravan Parks and Manufactured Home Estates

### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) provide for a variety of housing types, and
- (b) provide opportunities for caravan parks and manufactured home estates.

### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities when preparing a planning proposal.

This direction does not apply to Crown land reserved or dedicated for any purposes under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*, except Crown land reserved for accommodation purposes, or land dedicated or reserved under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

### Direction 6.2

- (1) In identifying suitable zones, locations and provisions for caravan parks in a planning proposal, the relevant planning authority must:
  - (a) retain provisions that permit development for the purposes of a caravan park to be carried out on land, and
  - (b) retain the zonings of existing caravan parks, or in the case of a new principal LEP zone the land in accordance with an appropriate zone under the *Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006* that would facilitate the retention of the existing caravan park.
- (2) In identifying suitable zones, locations and provisions for manufactured home estates (MHEs) in a planning proposal, the relevant planning authority must:
  - (a) take into account the categories of land set out in Schedule 6 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* as to where MHEs should not be located,
  - (b) take into account the principles listed in clause 125 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* (which relevant planning authorities are required to consider when assessing and determining the development and subdivision proposals), and
  - (c) include provisions that the subdivision of MHEs by long term lease of up to 20 years or under the *Community Land Development Act 1989* be permissible with consent.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objective of this direction, and
  - ii. identifies the land which is the subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), or
- (b) justified by a study prepared in support of the planning proposal which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (c) in accordance with the relevant Regional Strategy, Regional Plan or District Plan prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (d) of minor significance.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 3.2)**

## Focus area 7: Industry and Employment

### 7.1 Employment Zones

#### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) encourage employment growth in suitable locations,
- (b) protect employment land in employment zones, and
- (c) support the viability of identified centres.

#### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities when preparing a planning proposal that will affect land within an existing or proposed Employment zone (including the alteration of any existing Employment zone boundary). For the purpose of this Direction, Employment zones means the following zones

- Employment
- Mixed Use
- W4 Working Waterfront
- SP4 Enterprise
- SP5 Metropolitan Centre

#### Direction 7.1

(1) A planning proposal must:

- (a) give effect to the objectives of this direction,
- (b) retain the areas and locations of Employment zones,
- (c) not reduce the total potential floor space area for employment uses and related public services in Employment Zones.
- (d) not reduce the total potential floor space area for industrial uses in E4, E5 and W4 zones, and
- (e) ensure that proposed employment areas are in accordance with a strategy that is approved by the Planning Secretary.

#### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary, which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objective of this direction, and
  - ii. identifies the land which is the subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), or
- (b) justified by a study (prepared in support of the planning proposal) which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (c) in accordance with the relevant Regional Strategy, Regional Plan or District Plan prepared by the Greater Cities Commission or the Department of Planning and Environment which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or

(d) of minor significance.

**Note:** Prior to 26 April 2023 an Employment zone should be taken to include a reference to a Business and Industrial zone.

**Note:** In this direction, “identified centre” means a centre that has been identified as a strategic centre, regional city or centre in a regional strategy, regional plan, district plan, or another strategy approved by the Secretary.

**Date commenced: 20 February 2023**



## 7.2 Reduction in non-hosted short-term rental accommodation period

### Objective

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) mitigate significant impacts of short-term rental accommodation where non-hosted short-term rental accommodation period are to be reduced, and
- (b) ensure the impacts of short-term rental accommodation and views of the community are considered.

### Application

This direction applies to Byron Shire Council when the council prepares a planning proposal to identify or reduce the number of days that non-hosted short-term rental accommodation may be carried out in parts of its local government area.

### Direction 7.2

- (1) The council must include provisions which give effect to the following principles in a planning proposal to which this direction applies:
  - (a) non-hosted short term rental accommodation periods must not be reduced to be less than 60 days
  - (b) the reasons for changing the non-hosted short-term rental accommodation period should be clearly articulated
  - (c) the impact of reducing the non-hosted short-term rental accommodation period should be analysed and explained, including social and economic impacts for the community in general, and impacted property owners specifically.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Minister that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance.

**Note:** In this direction:

**short-term rental accommodation** means an existing dwelling:

- (a) in which accommodation is lawfully provided on a commercial basis by the owner or tenant of the dwelling (the host) for a temporary or short-term period, with or without the host residing on the premises during that period, and
- (b) that, if it were used predominantly as a place of residence, would be one of the following types of residential accommodation:
  - i. an attached dwelling,
  - ii. a dual occupancy,
  - iii. a dwelling house,
  - iv. multi dwelling housing,
  - v. a residential flat building,
  - vi. a rural workers' dwelling,
  - vii. a secondary dwelling,
  - viii. a semi-detached dwelling,
  - ix. shop top housing.

**Note:** Section 137A of the *Strata Schemes Management Act 2015* provides that a by-law made by a special resolution of an owners corporation may prohibit a lot being used for the purposes of a short-term rental accommodation arrangement (within the meaning of section 54A of the *Fair Trading Act 1987*) if the lot is not the

principal place of residence of the person who, pursuant to the arrangement, is giving another person the right to occupy the lot.

**tenant** has the same meaning as in the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010*.

**non-hosted short-term rental accommodation** means short-term rental accommodation provided where the host does not reside on the premises during the provision of the accommodation.

**Date commenced: 21 September 2023**

## 7.3 Commercial and Retail Development along the Pacific Highway, North Coast

### Objectives

The objectives for managing commercial and retail development along the Pacific Highway are to:

- (a) protect the Pacific Highway's function, that is to operate as the North Coast's primary inter- and intra-regional road traffic route,
- (b) prevent inappropriate development fronting the highway,
- (c) protect public expenditure invested in the Pacific Highway,
- (d) protect and improve highway safety and highway efficiency,
- (e) provide for the food, vehicle service and rest needs of travellers on the highway, and
- (f) reinforce the role of retail and commercial development in town centres, where they can best serve the populations of the towns.

### Application

This direction applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal for land within those council areas on the North Coast that the Pacific Highway traverses, being those council areas between Port Stephens Shire Council and Tweed Shire Council, inclusive, and that applies to land in the vicinity of the existing and/or proposed alignment of the Pacific Highway.

### Direction 7.3

- (1) A planning proposal that applies to land located on "within town" segments of the Pacific Highway must provide that:
  - (a) new commercial or retail development must be concentrated within distinct centres rather than spread along the highway;
  - (b) development with frontage to the Pacific Highway must consider impact the development has on the safety and efficiency of the highway; and
  - (c) for the purposes of this paragraph, "within town" means areas which, prior to the draft local environmental plan, have an urban zone (e.g.: "village", "residential", "tourist", "commercial", "industrial", etc) and where the Pacific Highway speed limit is less than 80km/hour.
- (2) A planning proposal that applies to land located on "out-of-town" segments of the Pacific Highway must provide that:
  - (a) new commercial or retail development must not be established near the Pacific Highway if this proximity would be inconsistent with the objectives of this direction;
  - (b) development with frontage to the Pacific Highway must consider the impact the development has on the safety and efficiency of the highway; and
  - (c) for the purposes of this paragraph, "out-of-town" means areas which, prior to the draft local environmental plan, do not have an urban zone (e.g.: "village", "residential", "tourist", "commercial", "industrial", etc) or are in areas where the Pacific Highway speed limit is 80km/hour or greater.
- (3) Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2), the establishment of highway service centres may be permitted at the localities listed in Table 1, provided that Roads and Maritime Services is satisfied that the highway service centre(s) can be safely and efficiently integrated into the Highway interchange(s) at those localities. For the purposes of this paragraph, a highway service centre has the same meaning as is contained in the *Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006*.

**Table 1: Highway service centres that can proceed**

<b>Town</b>	<b>Locality</b>
Chinderah	Chinderah Bay Road interchange (southbound) Western side of highway at Tweed Valley Way interchange (northbound)
Ballina	Teven Road interchange
Maclean	Southern interchange
Woolgoolga	Northern interchange at Arrawarra
Nambucca Heads	Nambucca Heads interchange
Kempsey	South Kempsey interchange
Port Macquarie	Oxley Highway interchange (both sides of the Pacific Highway)
Taree	Old Bar Road interchange
Tomago	In the vicinity of Tomago Road / South Heatherbrae

## Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 5.4)**

## Focus area 8: Resources and Energy

### 8.1 Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries

#### Objective

The objective of this direction is to ensure that the future extraction of State or regionally significant reserves of coal, other minerals, petroleum and extractive materials are not compromised by inappropriate development.

#### Application

This direction applies to all relevant planning authorities when preparing a planning proposal that would have the effect of:

- (a) prohibiting the mining of coal or other minerals, production of petroleum, or winning or obtaining of extractive materials, or
- (b) restricting the potential development of resources of coal, other minerals, petroleum or extractive materials which are of State or regional significance by permitting a land use that is likely to be incompatible with such development.

#### Direction 8.1

- (1) In the preparation of a planning proposal affected by this direction, the relevant planning authority must:
  - (a) consult the Secretary of the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) to identify any:
    - i. resources of coal, other minerals, petroleum or extractive material that are of either State or regional significance, and
    - ii. existing mines, petroleum production operations or extractive industries occurring in the area subject to the planning proposal, and
  - (b) seek advice from the Secretary of DPI on the development potential of resources identified under (1)(a)(i), and
  - (c) identify and take into consideration issues likely to lead to land use conflict between other land uses and:
    - i. development of resources identified under (1)(a)(i), or
    - ii. existing development identified under (1)(a)(ii).
- (2) Where a planning proposal prohibits or restricts development of resources identified under (1)(a)(i), or proposes land uses that may create land use conflicts identified under (1)(c), the relevant planning authority must:
  - (a) provide the Secretary of DPI with a copy of the planning proposal and notification of the relevant provisions,
  - (b) allow the Secretary of DPI a period of 40 days from the date of notification to provide in writing any objections to the terms of the planning proposal, and
  - (c) include a copy of any objection and supporting information received from the Secretary of DPI with the statement to the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary before undertaking community consultation in satisfaction of Schedule 1 to the Act.

#### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary), that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance.

**Issued to commence 1 March 2022 (replaces previous Direction 1.3)**

## Focus area 9: Primary Production

### 9.1 Rural Zones

#### Objective

The objective of this direction is to protect the agricultural production value of rural land.

#### Application

This direction applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal that will affect land within an existing or proposed rural zone (including the alteration of any existing rural zone boundary).

Direction (1)(a) applies to all relevant planning authorities.

Direction (1)(b) only applies in the following local government areas:

Ashfield	Canada Bay	Kogarah	North Sydney
Auburn	Canterbury	Ku-ring-gai	Parramatta
Bankstown	City of Sydney	Lake Macquarie	Sutherland
Baulkham Hills	Fairfield	Lane Cove	Warringah
Blacktown	Gosford	Leichhardt	Waverley
Blue Mountains	Hawkesbury	Liverpool	Willoughby
Botany Bay	Holroyd	Manly	Wollondilly
Burwood	Hornsby	Marrickville	Woollahra
Camden	Hunters Hill	Mosman	Wollongong
Campbelltown	Hurstville	Newcastle	Wyong

#### Direction 9.1

(1) A planning proposal must:

- (a) not rezone land from a rural zone to a residential, employment, mixed use, SP4 Enterprise, SP5 Metropolitan Centre, W4 Working Waterfront, village or tourist zone.
- (b) not contain provisions that will increase the permissible density of land within a rural zone (other than land within an existing town or village).

#### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objectives of this direction, and
  - ii. identifies the land which is the subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), or

- (b) justified by a study prepared in support of the planning proposal which gives consideration to the objectives of this direction, or
- (c) in accordance with the relevant Regional Strategy, Regional Plan or District Plan prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment which gives consideration to the objective of this direction, or
- (d) is of minor significance.

**Date commenced: 20 February 2023**

## 9.2 Rural Lands

### Objective

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) protect the agricultural production value of rural land,
- (b) facilitate the orderly and economic use and development of rural lands for rural and related purposes,
- (c) assist in the proper management, development and protection of rural lands to promote the social, economic and environmental welfare of the State,
- (d) minimise the potential for land fragmentation and land use conflict in rural areas, particularly between residential and other rural land uses,
- (e) encourage sustainable land use practices and ensure the ongoing viability of agriculture on rural land,
- (f) support the delivery of the actions outlined in the NSW Right to Farm Policy.

### Application

This direction applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal for land outside the local government areas of lake Macquarie, Newcastle, Wollongong and LGAs in the Greater Sydney Region (as defined in the *Greater Sydney Commission Act 2015*) other than Wollondilly and Hawkesbury, that:

- (a) will affect land within an existing or proposed rural or conservation zone (including the alteration of any existing rural or conservation zone boundary) or
- (b) changes the existing minimum lot size on land within a rural or conservation zone.

**Note:** Reference to a rural or conservation zone means any of the following zones or their equivalent in a non-Standard LEP: RU1, RU2, RU3, RU4, RU6, C1, C2, C3, C4.

### Direction 9.2

- (1) A planning proposal must:
  - (a) be consistent with any applicable strategic plan, including regional and district plans endorsed by the Planning Secretary, and any applicable local strategic planning statement
  - (b) consider the significance of agriculture and primary production to the State and rural communities
  - (c) identify and protect environmental values, including but not limited to, maintaining biodiversity, the protection of native vegetation, cultural heritage, and the importance of water resources
  - (d) consider the natural and physical constraints of the land, including but not limited to, topography, size, location, water availability and ground and soil conditions
  - (e) promote opportunities for investment in productive, diversified, innovative and sustainable rural economic activities
  - (f) support farmers in exercising their right to farm
  - (g) prioritise efforts and consider measures to minimise the fragmentation of rural land and reduce the risk of land use conflict, particularly between residential land uses and other rural land use
  - (h) consider State significant agricultural land identified in chapter 2 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production) 2021* for the purpose of ensuring the ongoing viability of this land
  - (i) consider the social, economic and environmental interests of the community.
- (2) A planning proposal that changes the existing minimum lot size on land within a rural or conservation zone must demonstrate that it:



- (a) is consistent with the priority of minimising rural land fragmentation and land use conflict, particularly between residential and other rural land uses
- (b) will not adversely affect the operation and viability of existing and future rural land uses and related enterprises, including supporting infrastructure and facilities that are essential to rural industries or supply chains
- (c) where it is for rural residential purposes:
  - i. is appropriately located taking account of the availability of human services, utility infrastructure, transport and proximity to existing centres
  - ii. is necessary taking account of existing and future demand and supply of rural residential land.

**Note:** where a planning authority seeks to vary an existing minimum lot size within a rural or conservation zone, it must also do so in accordance with the Rural Subdivision Principles in clause 5.16 of the relevant Local Environmental Plan.

## Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are:

- (a) justified by a strategy approved by the Planning Secretary and is in force which:
  - i. gives consideration to the objectives of this direction, and
  - ii. identifies the land which is the subject of the planning proposal (if the planning proposal relates to a particular site or sites), or
- (b) is of minor significance.

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## 9.3 Oyster Aquaculture

### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) ensure that 'Priority Oyster Aquaculture Areas' and oyster aquaculture outside such an area are adequately considered when preparing a planning proposal, and
- (b) protect 'Priority Oyster Aquaculture Areas' and oyster aquaculture outside such an area from land uses that may result in adverse impacts on water quality and consequently, on the health of oysters and oyster consumers.

### Application

This direction applies to any relevant planning authority when preparing a planning proposal in 'Priority Oyster Aquaculture Areas' and oyster aquaculture outside such an area as identified in the *NSW Oyster Industry Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy (2006)* ("the Strategy"), when proposing a change in land use which could result in:

- (a) adverse impacts on a 'Priority Oyster Aquaculture Area' or a "current oyster aquaculture lease in the national parks estate", or
- (b) incompatible use of land between oyster aquaculture in a 'Priority Oyster Aquaculture Area' or a "current oyster aquaculture lease in the national parks estate" and other land uses.

### Direction 9.3

- (1) In the preparation of a planning proposal the relevant planning authority must:
  - (a) identify any 'Priority Oyster Aquaculture Areas' and oyster aquaculture leases outside such an area, as shown the maps to the Strategy, to which the planning proposal would apply,
  - (b) identify any proposed land uses which could result in any adverse impact on a 'Priority Oyster Aquaculture Area' or oyster aquaculture leases outside such an area,
  - (c) identify and take into consideration any issues likely to lead to an incompatible use of land between oyster aquaculture and other land uses and identify and evaluate measures to avoid or minimise such land use in compatibility,
  - (d) consult with the Secretary of the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) of the proposed changes in the preparation of the planning proposal, and
  - (e) ensure the planning proposal is consistent with the Strategy.
- (2) Where a planning proposal proposes land uses that may result in adverse impacts identified under (1)(b) and (1)(c), relevant planning authority must:
  - (a) provide the Secretary of DPI with a copy of the planning proposal and notification of the relevant provisions,
  - (b) allow the Secretary of DPI a period of 40 days from the date of notification to provide in writing any objections to the terms of the planning proposal, and
  - (c) include a copy of any objection and supporting information received from the Secretary of DPI with the statement to the Planning Secretary before undertaking community consultation in satisfaction of Schedule 1 to the EP&A Act.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if the relevant planning authority can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the provisions of the planning proposal that are inconsistent are of minor significance.

**Note:** In this direction:

- (a) “Priority Oyster Aquaculture Areas” has the same meaning as in the NSW Oyster Industry Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy; and
- (b) an “incompatible use of land” includes access to oyster leases being limited by the change in land use or the risk of adverse impacts as a result of that change in land use on water quality and, consequently, on the health of oysters and on the health of consumers of those oysters.

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## 9.4 Farmland of State and Regional Significance on the NSW Far North Coast

### Objectives

The objectives of this direction are to:

- (a) ensure that the best agricultural land will be available for current and future generations to grow food and fibre,
- (b) provide more certainty on the status of the best agricultural land, thereby assisting councils with their local strategic settlement planning, and
- (c) reduce land use conflict arising between agricultural use and non-agricultural use of farmland as caused by urban encroachment into farming areas.

### Application

This direction applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal for land within Ballina Shire, Byron Shire, Kyogle Shire, Lismore City, Richmond Valley and Tweed Shire local government areas, except land identified as “urban growth areas” mapped in the *North Coast Regional Plan 2041* when preparing a planning proposal, that applies to land:

- (a) mapped as
  - i. State significant farmland, or
  - ii. regionally significant farmland, or
  - iii. significant non-contiguous farmland,
- (b) on the set of four maps held in the Department of Planning and Environment marked “Northern Rivers Farmland Protection Project, Final Map 2005 (Section 117(2) Direction)”; and

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- (1) A planning proposal must not:
- (a) rezone land identified as “State Significant Farmland” for urban or rural residential purposes.
  - (b) rezone land identified as “Regionally Significant Farmland” for urban or rural residential purposes.
  - (c) rezone land identified as “significant non-contiguous farmland” for urban or rural residential purposes.

### Consistency

A planning proposal may be inconsistent with the terms of this direction only if council can satisfy the Planning Secretary (or an officer of the Department nominated by the Secretary) that the planning proposal is consistent with:

- (a) the *North Coast Regional Plan 2041*, or
- (b) Section 4 of the report titled *Northern Rivers Farmland Protection Project - Final Recommendations*, February 2005, held by the Department of Planning and Environment.

**Date commenced: 13 December 2022**