
Post approval requirements for state-significant projects

Fact sheet

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Compliance Reporting

Outline

This fact sheet will help stakeholders and the community understand the revised process for compliance reporting of state-significant projects.

The Compliance Reporting Post Approval Requirements (PAR) is one of a suite of documents prepared by NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) that set out requirements on proponents¹ of State significant projects, where required by conditions of consent or approval.

The Compliance Reporting PAR 2026 sets out the requirements for:

- The process, content, and frequency of compliance reporting.
- Addressing the findings of a compliance report.

Updates to the Compliance Reporting PAR

The Compliance Reporting PAR, originally released in 2018 and updated in 2020, has been revised as part of the Department's continual improvement process. The revised Compliance Reporting PAR (2026) includes the following updates:

- Whole document – Minor wording changes to provide clarity.
- Whole document – Removed any mention of construction compliance reporting.

¹ The proponent is the person or entity referred to as the proponent in an approval or the applicant in a consent. This includes any person carrying out any part of the development to which the approval or consent applies.

- Section 3.3 – The provision of an additional redacted version of compliance reports where original documents may contain personal or sensitive information.

Implementation and compliance

From March 2026, a revised standard condition will be included on consents and approvals of new projects requiring proponents to undertake independent audits in accordance with the Independent Audit PAR (2026).

This means that proponents must comply with the Independent Audit PAR (2026) unless the conditions require otherwise.

Transitional arrangements

Projects approved prior to the release of the Compliance Reporting PAR (December 2018) that have existing conditions requiring compliance reporting will not have to undertake compliance reporting in line with either the revised Compliance Reporting PAR (2018, 2020 or 2026 versions). These projects will continue to undertake compliance reporting in accordance with the requirements of their conditions.

Proponents may elect to voluntarily comply with the revised Compliance Reporting PAR (2026) however, they must still comply with their existing conditions (including approvals subject to the Compliance Reporting PAR (2018 and 2020)).

Proponents can modify their conditions to require compliance with the revised Compliance Reporting PAR (2026) in consultation with the Department.

The Integrated Mining Policy documents may continue to apply to new mining projects.

Reporting frequency

The Compliance Reporting PAR (2026) establishes minimum timeframes for undertaking operational compliance reporting and specifies compliance reporting within 12 weeks of the completion of decommissioning.

Compliance reporting must be undertaken in accordance with the minimum timeframes specified in the Compliance Reporting PAR (2026) unless the conditions specify alternative time frames.

Compliance status

The Compliance Reporting PAR (2026) sets out requirements for evaluating compliance with conditions. Compliance status can be identified as ‘compliant,’ ‘non-compliant’ or ‘not triggered.’

The Compliance Reporting PAR (2026) also sets out the requirements for the content of compliance reports.

Proponent's obligations

The proponent's obligations under the Compliance Reporting PAR (2026) include:

- Preparing the compliance report in accordance with the Compliance Reporting PAR (2026).
- Setting out actions and the timing of actions in response to identified non-compliances and incidents.
- Submitting the compliance report to the Department within the required timeframes.
- Submitting the compliance report declaration form with each compliance report.
- Making the final compliance report publicly available (if required by the conditions).

Note that compliance reporting is still not required for projects in the construction phase, and the removal of pre-construction, construction and pre-operation compliance reporting continues to be offset by a minor increase to the frequency of independent auditing.

Department's functions

In administering the Compliance Reporting PAR (2026), the Department will review the compliance report to confirm it:

- Is accompanied by a declaration by an authorised reporting officer.
- Has been prepared in accordance with the Compliance Reporting PAR (2026).

More information

- Visit the Compliance Reporting Post Approval Requirements webpage.
- Phone: 1300 305 695
- Email: compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au
- If English is not your first language, call 131 450. Ask for an interpreter in your language and then request to be connected to our Information Centre on 1300 305 695

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