

PLANNING ACT 2016



ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT AND AMENDMENT TO PLANNING SCHEME POLICY CITY OF TOWNSVILLE PLANNING SCHEME

SECTION 20 AND 22 OF THE *PLANNING ACT 2016*

Notice is given under the *Planning Act 2016* that, on 23 November 2022, Townsville City Council adopted an administrative amendment and an amendment to SC6.4 Development manual planning scheme policy of the planning scheme for the City of Townsville (Townsville City Plan).

The purpose and general effect of the administrative amendment is to update references to SC6.4 Development manual planning scheme policy in relevant parts of the Townsville City Plan.

The purpose and general effect of the amendment is to amend SC6.4 Development manual planning scheme policy, in order to:

- make the policy more user friendly to improve efficiency;
- improve application review times and therefore reduce assessment timeframes;
- improve safety in the design and delivery of cost-effective, sustainable infrastructure which is suited to the dry tropics climate;
- improve consistency in the level of service that Council can financially sustain; and
- maintain up-to-date standards and processes to ensure that the policy remains relevant and accurate.

The amendment to the planning scheme policy includes the following changes:

- A reorganised policy under twenty-four discrete disciplines, with all relevant information combined under each discipline heading.
- Specific new sections, including "Active Transport Infrastructure" and "Geotechnical Investigations".
- A revised Landscape and open space section, including references to plant species suitable for Townsville's dry tropic climate; development application requirements; and ensuring planted road centre medians are of sufficient width to minimize/eliminate maintenance requirements for costly traffic control.
- Specific additional requirements, including updated Erosion and Sediment Control requirements; clarification of requirements for the design and manufacture certification of Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP) pump stations designed and manufactured outside Queensland; and a requirement for geotechnical investigations to be undertaken at the commencement of design of urban residential development to ensure stormwater infrastructure is provided with adequate cover to avoid damage during construction.
- Updates to reflect latest standards, as well as general formatting and administrative updates throughout the policy.

The administrative amendment and the amendment to SC6.4 Development manual planning scheme policy of the Townsville City Plan will commence on Monday 30 January 2023.

From the date of commencement:

- a) copies of the Townsville City Plan will be available for inspection and purchase at Townsville City Council, Customer Service Centre, ground floor, 143 Walker Street, Townsville City; and
- b) the Townsville City Plan will be available to view and download from Council's website at townsville.qld.gov.au.