

Proposed Amendment - Townsville City Plan - Development Manual Planning Scheme Policy - Amendment Package 2017/08



WHAT IS AN AMENDMENT?

In order to keep local planning instruments up to date, the state government has provided the Minister's Guidelines and Rules (July 2017), which details the types of amendments that may be made to local planning instruments, and the steps to making these amendments.

Amendment Package 2017/08 proposes an amendment to a planning scheme policy (PSP) as outlined in section 22 of the *Planning Act 2016*.

For more information on amendments to local planning instruments please refer to the requirements of the *Planning Act 2016*, Planning Regulation 2017 and the Minister's Guidelines and Rules (July 2017).

WHEN WILL AMENDMENT PACKAGE 2017/08 BE MADE?

Amendment package 2017/08 to the Townsville City Plan is proposed to go to council for resolution and adoption in early 2018. Amendment package 2017/08 will then be gazetted and is intended to commence within 4 weeks of the amendment package going to council.

WHAT TYPES OF AMENDMENTS ARE PROPOSED TO BE MADE?

Amendment package 2017/08 is proposed as an amendment to a planning scheme policy (i.e. it is not an administrative or minor amendment).

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There are several key areas of change noted as part of this proposed amendment package. These include the following:

1. SC6.4.3.6.6 Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) – this subsection has been shortened to note that landscaping design should be considerate of CPTED principles, which are already outlined in

the design and construction policies within the planning scheme. This amendment avoids a repeat of standards throughout the Development manual planning scheme policy.

2. SC6.4.3.6.9 Public open space – this subsection has been amended to provide greater clarity around levels of public open space embellishment to achieve balance between the needs and wishes of the community and development industry, as well as more consistent and sustainable maintenance outcomes for council.
3. SC6.4.3.6.10 Recreation Parks - this subsection has been amended to provide further detail to improve identification and classification of the open space and park hierarchy.
4. SC6.4.3.6.11 Sporting Parks - this subsection has been amended to provide further detail to improve identification and classification of the open space and park hierarchy.
5. SC6.4.3.6.12 Other public open space - this subsection has been amended to provide further detail to improve identification and classification of the open space and park hierarchy.
6. SC6.4.3.6.13 Open space embellishments - this subsection has been amended to provide greater clarity around levels of public open space embellishment to achieve balance between the needs and wishes of the community and development industry, as well as more consistent and sustainable maintenance outcomes for council.
7. Table SC6.4.3.6.1 Public open space embellishment framework – the embellishment table has been updated to provide increased clarity about the level of embellishments required for open space areas within the park and open space hierarchy. This table will guide open space development by providing clear levels of embellishment based on sustainable maintenance outcomes for council. This table will guide open space design to ensure consistent and appropriate levels of park

embellishment are provided in existing and new developments. The embellishment table will set delivery expectation and support consistent delivery in accordance with council's adopted Local Government Infrastructure Plan.

8. SC6.4.3.6.24 Dog off-leash facilities - new section added to guide the development of dog off-leash facilities to meet community expectations and needs. This guideline sets a standard benchmark for site location, design and supports consistent delivery in accordance with council's adopted Local Government Infrastructure Plan.
9. Sub-section SC6.4.3.6.34 – Irrigation design and system requirements – this subsection has been amended to provide greater clarity around irrigation construction handover standards, including recognition of council's water restrictions.
10. SC6.4.3.6 Table A – Preferred plant species list – this table has been amended to include a small number of new species reflective of industry supply and research.
11. SC6.4.4 Design specification and standard drawings - the proposed amendments are relatively minor in nature and relate to changed engineering standards (e.g. Australian Standards and Department of Transport and Main Roads Standards) which underpin much of the content of the policy and to maintain consistency throughout the Development manual planning scheme policy.
12. SC6.4.5 Construction Management - the proposed amendments relate to changed engineering standards (e.g. Australian Standards and Department of Transport and Main Roads Standards) which underpin much of the content of the policy, to maintain consistency throughout the Development manual planning scheme policy.
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WHERE CAN I VIEW THE AMENDMENTS?

- Copies of the proposed amendment to the planning scheme policy are available for inspection and purchase at Townsville City Council's Customer Service Centre, ground floor, Administration Building, 103 Walker Street, Townsville.
- Copies are also available for viewing and downloading from Townsville City Council's website at www.townsville.qld.gov.au.

Further information regarding the proposed amendment can be obtained from council's Land Use and Urban Design Unit on 1300 878 001.