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Additional provisions for public transport facilities under State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007

This circular provides information about the recent commencement of an amendment to State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 associated with public transport facilities.

Introduction

On 28 August 2009, State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 (the SEPP) was amended to include specific measures to streamline planning approvals for commuter carparks and public transport related infrastructure such as public transport interchanges, bus bays and bus layovers that are integrated with railway stations, public ferry wharves and roads.

The amendment also clarifies the interpretation of references to 'equivalent land use zones' in the SEPP.

Amended provisions

The amendments to the SEPP are required to enable the Government to efficiently deliver public transport outcomes. In particular, the amendments provide for:

- public transport interchanges involving any one of a combination of bus, rail, or ferry so these modes of public transport can interchange with other modes of public transport
- commuter car parking.

Bus-related amendments to the SEPP are required to allow the efficient development and delivery of this much needed public transport infrastructure.

The amendments include specific changes to clarify that commuter carparks and such public transport related infrastructure that are integrated with railway stations, public ferry wharves or roads can be undertaken by a public authority without the need for council consent.

This much-needed public transport related infrastructure would be self-assessed and approved by the relevant public authority under Part 5 of the EP&A Act.

In addition, a minor change to the SEPP also clarifies the interpretation of references to equivalent land use zones in the SEPP, to ensure consistency with recent amendments to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Codes) 2008 and the State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009.

Further information

State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007, as amended, is available from the NSW legislation website at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.

Commuter car park program guideline (Department of Planning 2009) is available from the Department's website at www.planning.nsw.gov.au (see Register of Development Assessment Guidelines).

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