Amendment to Infrastructure SEPP for educational establishments

The purpose of this circular is to advise councils and the public of amendments to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 for educational establishments.

Overview
The State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) Amendment (Educational Establishments) 2012 (‘the Amending SEPP’) commenced on 17 February 2012 and amended State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 (‘the Infrastructure SEPP’). The amendments apply to clause 28 of the Infrastructure SEPP in relation to educational establishments as outlined in this circular.

Background
When the Infrastructure SEPP commenced on 1 January 2008, clause 28 gave public authorities the ability to develop educational establishments, with consent, on land in certain rural, residential, commercial and special purpose zones.

Clause 28 of the Infrastructure SEPP was extended in February 2009 to apply consistent planning rules to all educational establishments regardless of whether the development was proposed by a public or non-Government proponent. This extension applied until 20 February 2012.

Amending SEPP
Following public exhibition of a draft SEPP in January 2012, the Infrastructure SEPP has now been amended to ensure that the provisions relating to educational establishments by non-Government proponents will continue to apply after 20 February 2012.

Further Information
The Infrastructure SEPP can be accessed on the NSW legislation website at: www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.

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