Repeal of SEPP 53
Metropolitan Residential Development

The purpose of this circular is to advise of the repeal of State Environmental Planning Policy No. 53 – Metropolitan Residential Development.

Introduction
The NSW Government has repealed State Environmental Planning Policy No. 53 – Metropolitan Residential Development (SEPP 53) through the commencement of State Environmental Planning Policy (Repeal of State Environmental Planning Policy No 53—Metropolitan Residential Development) 2011 on 3 June 2011.

Background of SEPP 53
SEPP 53 which commenced in 1997, contained development controls for integrated multi-dwelling housing and dual occupancy.

The SEPP initially applied to 13 councils in the Greater Metropolitan Region that have not prepared a suitable residential development strategy that addresses local housing needs while contributing to the metropolitan objective of more compact cities.

Repeal of SEPP 53
Ku-ring-gai Council has adopted an appropriate Residential Development Strategy which addresses the aims of the SEPP and the provisions of SEPP 53 are therefore no longer needed. The revocation of the SEPP 53 will result in removing a layer of regulation of the land use in the Ku-ring-gai Council area in relation to dual occupancy and multi dwelling sites. The regulation of these land uses will be through Council’s relevant land use policies.

Savings and transitional provisions
There are no savings provisions. The repeal of SEPP 53 is effective from 3 June 2011.

Further Information
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