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# Updated mapping requirements for local environmental plans

The purpose of this circular is to advise councils of the latest revisions to *Standard technical requirements for LEP maps* and *Standard requirements for LEP GIS data*.

## Introduction

*Standard technical requirements for LEP maps* and *Standard requirements for LEP GIS data* were both introduced in 2007 as part of the suite of documents to accompany the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006 (referred to as the Standard Instrument for LEPs or the LEP Template). The two documents set out the requirements for local environmental plan (LEP) maps and the accompanying GIS data so that LEP maps would be consistent across the State and that public access to maps would be improved by making them available on the Internet.

The performance of these two documents has been under review to ensure that this approach to LEP-mapping is being implemented effectively and consistently by councils. This included a review of LEP maps being prepared by councils, analysing frequently asked questions and targeted consultation with council planning and GIS staff.

## Standard technical requirements for LEP maps

The latest version of *Standard technical requirements for LEP maps* (Version 1.2, March 2009) along with a document detailing the latest changes that have been made to the requirements for LEP maps is available on the Department's website. These amendments generally consist of:

- providing further detail and clarification where common errors were occurring
- improving readability of specification tables
- requiring an identification number in the Map Cover Sheet footer
- improving consistency of terminology
- typographical and grammatical corrections.

## Technical requirements for GIS data

Only minor changes were identified as being needed to *Technical requirements for LEP GIS data* (republished as Version 1.1, November 2008), mainly updated references to legislation that has been amended since the previous revision.

## GIS templates

Updated templates for the most commonly used GIS platforms are available on the Department's website.

## Further information

A copy of the Standard Instrument, the updated standards, templates and specific practice notes and planning circulars on using the Standard Instrument, may be accessed on the Department's website at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/planningsystem/local.asp](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/planningsystem/local.asp). If you have further enquiries, please phone the Planning Information Centre on 02 9228 6333 or email [information@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:information@planning.nsw.gov.au).

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