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Project to refine and clarify approval conditions

The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure is helping industry and the wider community become more familiar with the conditions that could be placed on significant development projects.

Director-General Sam Haddad said the department has prepared a database containing conditions of consent for state significant projects by industry sector.

“We will use these as a basis for consultation with local councils, industry groups and State agencies, before undertaking a refinement and best practice review of the conditions,” Mr Haddad said.

“Our aim is to develop clear, practical instruments and conditions so all stakeholders have a better understanding of the planning and assessment process.

“They are being drafted to make councils, local communities, the development industry and government agencies aware of the requirements that may be applied to State significant development projects, should they be approved.

“This process will result in a final set of standard and model conditions which will be legally valid, clear and concisely written.”

The draft conditions cover the following sectors:

- Mining and Extractive Industries (open cut & underground mining, as well as petrochemical and gas production)
- Urban Development
- Linear Infrastructure
- Industry and Manufacturing
- Waste and Remediation
- Energy, and
- Wind Farms

Standard conditions are common to every approval and generally reflect statutory requirements which do not vary considerably from one approval to the next, such as details of the applicant, the application number and a description of the land.

Model conditions reflect best practice approaches to manage and mitigate specific impacts of particular developments.

More information on the draft conditions can be found at www.planning.nsw.gov.au under the **Development** tab.

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