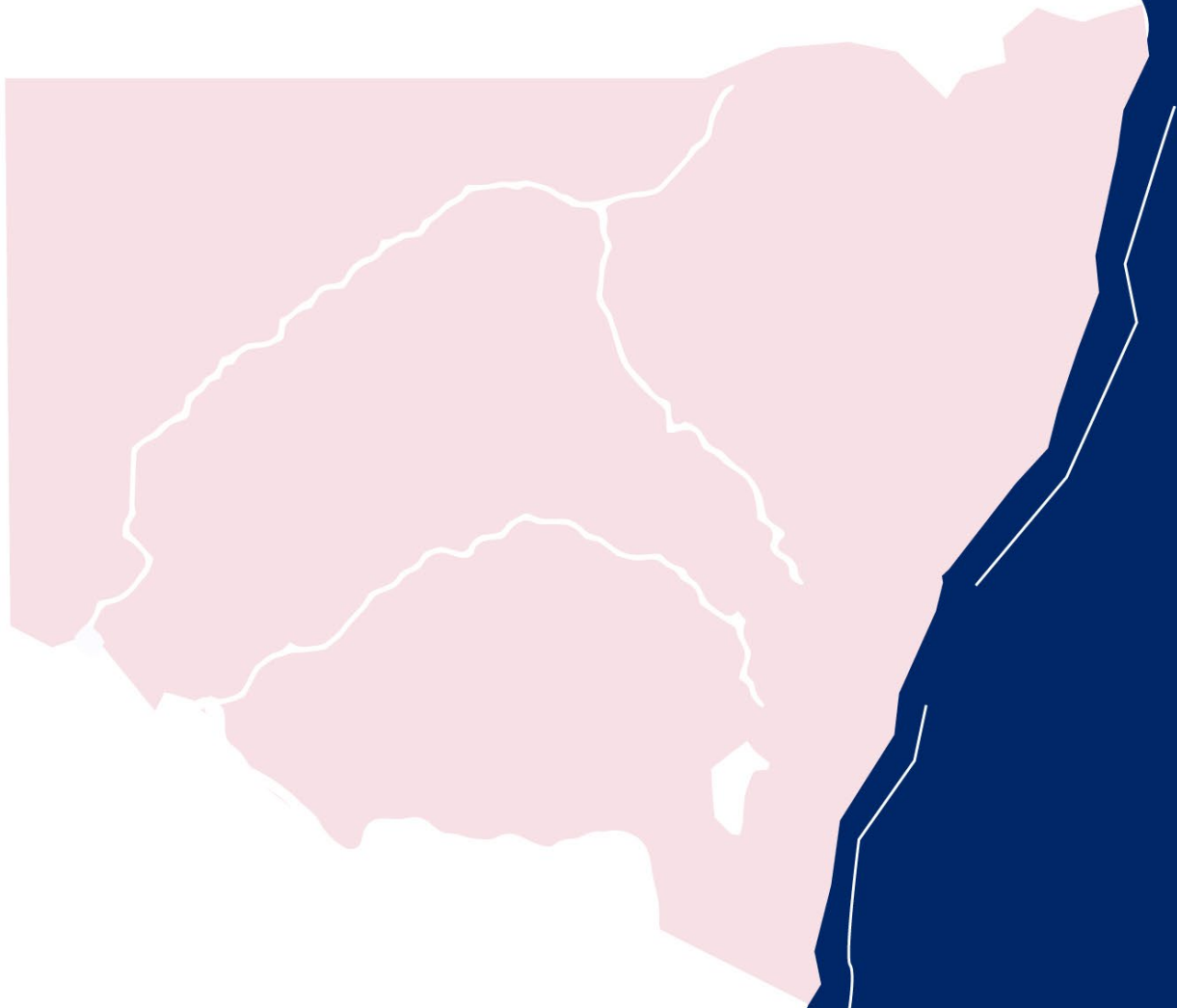


Appendix B: Framework for updates to Strategic Plans

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Framework for updates to Strategic Plans

Purpose

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has prepared the State Land Use Plan to guide future development across NSW, and to set the framework for Region Plans.

Region Plans must be reviewed and remade every five years. To ensure these plans remain relevant throughout that period, they have been developed using a modular structure that allows components to be updated as circumstances change. This approach enables the Department to respond to new information and ensures the plans remain relevant to meet the needs of the community.

This Appendix establishes the framework for maintaining Region Plans. It outlines the circumstances under which the Department may make changes to plans, and how those changes would be made.

The purpose of the framework is to provide a mechanism for managing both expected and unexpected changes.

Example triggers for updates

- New infrastructure commitments are announced or delivered.
- Changes to population, housing or employment forecasts become available.
- New environmental, flood, bush fire or hazard information becomes available.
- A natural hazard occurs which requires an immediate change to strategic planning directions for an area.

What will not be updated?

The State Land Use Plan establishes the overarching direction for land use planning across NSW, setting a clear and consistent strategic planning framework, including for other strategic plans.

To ensure consistency, this framework will not be updated within the five-year review period. This includes the State Land Use Priorities and the context setting and overview sections.

What could be updated?

The technical content of the plans is designed to be flexible and adaptable to a changing social, economic and environmental context. Updates are expected to occur throughout the life of a plan and not just at the formal review point.

Some updates will occur on a regular basis (for example, the Technical Appendices relating to Infrastructure Opportunities Plans, State-led or assessed rezonings list and Industrial Lands). Other updates may occur in response to changing circumstances.

	Minor change	Medium change	Major change
Example triggers	- Regular updates to Technical Appendices (for example annual Infrastructure Opportunity Plans). - Updates to responses and actions as a result of monitoring (for example progress has been made or an action has been superseded).	- Unplanned updates to Technical Appendices, with impacts for multiple councils. - Significant new infrastructure delivery (for example new railway corridors). - Updates in response to localised natural disasters.	- Major infrastructure investment that alters regional growth patterns. - Fundamental shifts in planning assumptions or priorities.
Strategic impact	No change to strategic intent	Supports existing strategic intent	Requires reconsideration of strategic intent
Geographic extent	Localised or administrative	One or more local government areas	Region or state wide
What might change	- Minor administrative corrections - Actions for DPHI or councils	Re-writing of Technical Appendices	Re-write the Plan
Consultation requirements	Nil or targeted	Targeted	Re-exhibition, consistent with the requirements for preparing a new Plan under the Community Participation Plan
Council response requirements	Nil	Review LSPS and LEP where relevant	Review LSPS and LEP, consistent with the requirements for a new Plan

How can plans be updated?

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has the power to make, amend or revoke a regional strategic plan pursuant to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The Department will determine the appropriate update pathway based on the scale, strategic significance and geographical impact of the proposed change. Consultation and engagement will be proportionate to the nature and impact of the amendment, having regard to applicable legislative and the Community Participation Plan.

Where a proposed change is likely to have a direct impact on a council, government agency or other stakeholder, the Department will undertake targeted consultation with affected stakeholders, as appropriate.

Using the plans

To maintain a clear record of changes, each plan will include a change register identifying amendments, release dates and commencement dates. The Plan change registers will record both amendments to the Plan and Technical Appendices. Amendments only take effect from their stated commencement date.

To ensure councils, stakeholders and the community are using the most current version of a Plan, all amendments, including minor and administrative updates, will be published on the relevant Departmental webpage as soon as practicable after they take effect.

Where appropriate, councils, government agencies and other stakeholders may also be notified of amendments.

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