

## Environment & Planning Alert

### NSW Planning System Review – Call for Submissions

September 2011

#### Planning review

In July 2011, the Minister for Planning announced a comprehensive review of New South Wales planning laws.

For more information on the announcement, [click here](#) to view our July 2011 Environment & Planning Alert.

#### Consultation process

The review has commenced with a comprehensive 'listening and consultation process'. This process began with meetings between the Planning Review Panel and a wide range of key stakeholders in August 2011. [Click here](#) to view minutes of these key stakeholder meetings.

At this stage, the Panel is currently undertaking a further 'listening and consultation phase' which commenced in early September 2011 and involves a two-month road trip to forty three open community forums across New South Wales, to ensure that consultation is at the forefront of the review process.

#### Written submissions

The Panel is seeking opinions on what should be the broad underpinning principles for legislation to replace the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, and proposes to publish an Issues Paper in early December 2011.

Written submissions are now being sought by 4 November 2011 for this stage of the review.

The Panel requests that written submissions focus on four primary areas. In summary, these areas of focus are:

- the underpinning objectives and philosophy of the new laws;
- how should plan making be undertaken and what types of plans should be made, and at what levels;
- how should applications for development be assessed and determined, and should there be different streams for different kinds of development; and
- what should be the availability of conciliation, mediation, neutral evaluation, review or appeal from determinations of development applications?

Interested individuals, stakeholders and groups should now commence preparation of any written submission they wish to make to the Panel ahead of the deadline. Written submissions can be emailed or posted.

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Interested parties are not necessarily restricted to the four broad areas set out above and can also include any relevant matter of importance in their written submission.

## Next steps

Following the provision of written submissions by 4 November 2011, the Panel is to publish an Issues Paper in early December 2011.

Feedback and comments are to be sought on the Issues Paper with interested parties again able to make written submissions prior to 17 February 2012.

It is understood that a 'green paper' will be published by the end of April 2012.

## More information

We will continue to keep you up to date on developments in the review as it moves forward.

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