



Coversheet for a submission on the Planning and Environment Act Review

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Council supports the following operational changes to the Planning and Environment Act:

Changes to the permit process

- Allow Councils to reject applications that are incomplete.
- A revised permit process for permit applications that don't raise matters of policy, including assessment by delegation and on-site arbitration.
- Introduce a hierarchy of advertising depending on the complexity of application presenting.
- Change the term objector to submitter and require submitters to specify how they will be affected.
- Clarify the enforcement of conditions that having an ongoing nature.

Planning scheme amendment process

- Changes need to be made to the Act to reduce the scope for applications for substantive amendments to planning permits issued under section 96 (combined amendment and permit applications) when extensive consideration of the development has previously occurred. Minor/detailed amendments will always be required however changes are required to prevent the permit amendment process being used to as a quasi appeal against conditions.
- The authorisation process needs to be removed or greatly refined. The current operation of the authorisation is a "pre-approval" process requiring Council to provide a complete suite of amendment documentation, extensive background information and strategic justification for all scheme amendments.
- Allow planning panels to consider matters 'on the papers'.