

# The works approval and amendment processes



## The works approval process

### Pre-application stage

- Works approval applicant engages with local community and provides opportunity for continued involvement throughout project.
- Applicant consults with EPA about information required in application. EPA recommends submission of a draft for EPA

### Works approval application lodged

- Application submitted to EPA. EPA has 21 days to accept the application for assessment or reject it for non-compliance.

### Application accepted

- Works approval application accepted for assessment, once application complies.

## The amendment process

### Develop the concept

- Identify problem or opportunity
- Review planning scheme and options
- Assess the effects of making a change
- Talk to the council planner
- Get professional advice
- Choose the right planning tools

### Make a request to council

- Apply in writing with supporting information
- Give reasons for the change
- Explain the strategic basis

### Council decides to request Authorisation

- Council votes on whether or not to start an amendment process
- No right of review if refused
- Council seeks consent to prepare an Amendment from the Minister for Planning

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### Joint notice of amendment and EPA works approval application

- 5-week notice period, 12 Feb – 20 March
- Submissions invited — support or concern

### Council & EPA consider submissions

- Amendment is changed or abandoned, or submissions referred to a panel (submissions for both processes)

### Planning Panel Hearing — June 2015

- Directions hearing to guide the Panel Hearing takes place in week of 18 May
- Independent Planning Panel Hearing takes place in week of 22 June, where all submitters can present their submissions
- Panel adjourns and provides a report approximately 2 months later (August)

### EPA assesses application, considers Panel report

- EPA assessment of complete application with consideration of community concerns raised during consultation and Panel report, awaits Minister for Planning outcome

### Council considers Panel report

- Council considers Panel report and decides whether to approve, modify or abandon the Amendment — lodges with Minister for Planning

### Minister for Planning decides on amendment

- Planning Scheme amended if approved
- Applicant to complete 'Development Plan' under SUZ15 (no public notice)

### Works approval issued or refused

- Works approval issued or refused.