

# State Planning Policy

## Key amendments

July 2014

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### Introduction

In December 2013, the Queensland Government released the State Planning Policy (SPP) providing a consolidated and comprehensive view of the state's interests in planning and development to produce a liveable, sustainable and prosperous Queensland. The SPP was released following significant consultation with stakeholders and state agencies throughout 2013.

On 1 May 2014, a package of proposed amendments was released for consultation. The amendments were proposed to improve readability and aid interpretation, help clarify the intent of some policies and better align with broader government priorities.

The two primary areas where amendments were proposed related to environmental offsets and coastal hazards.

In addition, minor administrative changes were proposed to improve the wording, structure and readability of the document as well as reordering or combining some policies and definitions. Some associated changes were required to key resource area mapping within the SPP Interactive Mapping System.

The amendments were put on statutory consultation from Thursday 1 May until Friday 30 May, 2014 for a total of 20 business days.

All matters raised in submissions were considered in finalising the amendments to the SPP.

A summary of the key amendments made to the SPP to produce the final SPP July 2014 are listed below:

### Key changes

| State interest               | Key change   |
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| Liveable communities         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies condensed and re-ordered under common themes.</li> <li>• New policy added regarding the provision of fire services in common private title.</li> </ul> |
| Housing supply and diversity | No amendments were proposed or made.   |

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| <b>Agriculture</b>   | No amendments were proposed or made.  |
| <b>Development and construction</b>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies condensed and re-ordered under common themes.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Mining and extractive resources</b>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amendment to clarify that potentially incompatible development in a Key Resource Area (KRA) must be assessed against provisions which ensure development does not constrain the potential future extractions of resources from a KRA.</li> <li>• SPP mapping updated for boundary change made to KRA 14, Ravenshoe, to align with cadastral boundaries.</li> <li>• SPP mapping updated for new transport route added, and transport route separation area amended for KRA 151, Dimbulah Road.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Tourism</b>   | No amendments were proposed or made.  |
| <b>Biodiversity</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consequential amendments in response to the <i>Environmental Offsets Act 2014</i>.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Coastal environment</b>   | No amendments were proposed or made.  |
| <b>Cultural heritage</b>   | No amendments were proposed or made.  |
| <b>Water quality</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies re-ordered to improve user readability.</li> <li>• Footnote amended to clarify the Seqwater Development Guidelines do not apply within urban areas (as defined by the <i>Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009</i>).</li> <li>• Amendment to clarify which local governments are required to address policies / assessment requirements relating to acid sulfate soils (including removal of Table 4: Acid sulfate soils-affected local government areas from Part E: Interim development assessment requirements; and inclusion of new glossary term 'acid sulfate soil affected area'.)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Emissions and hazardous activities</b>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grammatical amendment to Policy 4.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Natural hazards, risk and resilience (Previously natural hazards)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme and state interest titles, and non-statutory introductory paragraphs amended to improve user understanding and readability; and to align with contemporary Commonwealth and Queensland Government priorities.</li> <li>• Amendment to policies / assessment requirements to align with the Australian Standard for risk management and national guidance including National strategy for disaster resilience; National emergency risk assessment guidelines; Managing the floodplain: a guide to best practice in flood risk management in Australia.</li> </ul>                                       |
| <b>State transport infrastructure</b>                                    | No amendments were proposed or made.  |
| <b>Strategic airports and aviation facilities</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amendment to clarify the Northern Peninsula strategic airport is located within Torres Shire Council local government area and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council as an 'other local government areas impacted'.</li> <li>• Amendment to clarify that the obstacle limitation surface or height restriction zone is required to be identified in a planning scheme.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Strategic ports</b>   | No amendments were proposed or made.  |
| <b>Energy and water supply</b>   | No amendments were proposed or made.  |
| <b>Other parts of the SPP</b>  | <b>Key Change</b>   |

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| <b>Glossary</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amendment to a number of definitions for grammar and clarity; to align with the Queensland Planning Provisions; or to align with current Government policy. Amendments were undertaken to acid sulphate soil affected area; bushfire hazard area (bushfire prone area); coastal-dependent development; coastal hazard; coastal hazard area; flood hazard area; hazardous chemical flood hazard threshold; key resource area; land slide hazard area; matters of local environmental significance; sensitive land uses.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Appendixes</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amendment to <i>SPP code: Water quality</i> for grammar and clarity.</li> <li>• Grammatical amendment to <i>SPP code: Strategic airport and aviation facilities</i> to reflect new title of the non-statutory SPP guidance material.</li> <li>• New <i>SPP code: Fire serves in development accessed by common private title</i></li> <li>• Grammatical amendments to <i>Management areas: acoustic and air quality objectives</i>.</li> </ul>  |