

# SOCIAL AND HEALTH IMPACT COMMENT ASSESSMENT FORM

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

Applicants of developments and planning proposals where Social and Health Impact Assessment is required must complete this form. The completed form should either be provided to Council with any pre-lodgement meeting documentation (*if applicable*) or included with any development application, neighbourhood plan or planning proposal (*unless it has been determined that a CSHIR is required instead*).

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## PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

### TRIGGER:

(See table 1 of Guidelines)

## 1. ASSESSMENT OF IMPACTS

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IMPACT CATEGORY	RELEVANCE	SCOPING QUESTIONS
Population change	The location, size, rate and type of population change have implications for social infrastructure planning, urban design and community cohesion.	<p>Will the development result in a change to the age structure, household composition or permanence of the resident population?</p> <p>Will the development result in the displacement of current residents, visitors and/or workers?</p> <p>Will the development increase the size of the population significantly in a short period of time?</p>
ASSESSMENT		
Briefly describe how the development will impact on population change below:		
Positive Impacts:		

## Negative Impacts:

**Describe the proposed measures you have/will use (which may include social benefits) to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts resulting from population change:**

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IMPACT CATEGORY	RELEVANCE	SCOPING QUESTIONS
<b>Healthy Lifestyle</b>	<p>Urban design influences. participation in physical activity, such as walking, cycling, children's play and other activities (including walking to public transport), promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing the risk of disease and mortality.</p> <p>A range of parks and open spaces as well as the public domain provide important venues for physical activity and social interaction; these need to be well distributed across catchments.</p>	<p>Will the development encourage walking and cycling as convenient, safe and appealing forms of access?</p> <p>Do the location, proximity, design, range and management of open space cater to the needs of all user groups?</p> <p>Is open space consistent with the Charter for Open Space?</p> <p>Will the development be likely to alter existing physical activity, or future opportunities to participate in physical activity?</p> <p>Will the development contribute to the neighbourhood's walkability, particularly in terms of connectivity, density and land use mix?</p>

## ASSESSMENT

**Briefly describe how the development will impact on healthy lifestyle below:**

**Positive Impacts:**

**Negative Impacts:**

**Describe the proposed measures you have/will use (*which may include social benefits*) to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts to support a healthy lifestyle:**

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IMPACT CATEGORY	RELEVANCE	SCOPING QUESTIONS
<b>Healthy Communities</b>	<p>Health is not just the absence of disease. Healthy communities are places where water and air quality are good, there are opportunities for relaxation, there is good access to fresh food and local produce and people are able to locally access the supportive services they need.</p> <p>Healthy communities are ones where people can walk and cycle around their neighbourhoods, where higher density development is within walking distance to local centres, public transport and local services and where people have opportunities for informal interaction.</p>	<p>Will the proposal impact (positively or negatively) on the health of the community?</p> <p>Would the proposal create more opportunities for access to fresh food and local produce?</p> <p>Will the proposal support an increase in supportive social infrastructure (services and/or facilities) in the community?</p> <p>Does the density proposed match the walkable distance from the town centre?</p> <p>Will the proposal contribute to the walkability of the neighbourhood? Will the proposal support active transport options?</p> <p>Will the proposal encourage opportunities for informal interaction?</p>

## ASSESSMENT

**Briefly describe how the development will impact on overall health of the community below:**

**Positive Impacts:**

**Negative Impacts:**

Describe the proposed measures you will use (which may include social benefits) to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts on community health and well-being:

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IMPACT CATEGORY	RELEVANCE	SCOPING QUESTIONS
<b>Social Cohesion and Sense of Belonging</b>	<p>Community connectedness, established through social networks and opportunities for incidental contact, helps people access the emotional and practical resources they need. A sense of belonging and cultural association with 'place' makes people feel valued and is a major contributor to strong communities and good health.</p> <p>Perceived trust along with shared values have a direct and positive effect on health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The absence of physical and social barriers promotes social interaction, social cohesion and belonging.</p>	<p>Will the development impact (positively or adversely) on the strength of the community's social networks, capacity for self help, identity or resilience?</p> <p>Will the development impact on an area or item of value or importance to the community?</p> <p>Will the development create or alter any physical or social barriers within or between communities?</p> <p>Will the development promote integration with adjacent communities (e.g. through design, access to facilities, co-operative action)?</p> <p>Will the development ensure public access to the public domain (including privately owned and managed public domain such as shopping centres)?</p>

## ASSESSMENT

Briefly describe how the development will impact on community identity and/or a sense of belonging in the locality/Shire.

**Positive Impacts:**

## Negative Impacts:

**Describe the proposed measures you will use (which may include social benefits) to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts on community cohesion and/or a sense of belonging:**

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IMPACT CATEGORY	RELEVANCE	SCOPING QUESTIONS
<b>Housing</b>	<p>Housing conditions impact on community health and wellbeing in a number of ways. Housing affordability and security are key factors in overcoming poverty, and influence access to employment and training opportunities. Housing stability helps maintain stable social networks.</p> <p>Housing mix encourages social diversity, stimulating social interaction and inclusion. Concentrated social disadvantage is associated with poorer health outcomes.</p> <p>Design of both housing and the neighbourhood influences the extent to which different groups' needs are met.</p>	<p>Will the development result in a mix of housing types and sizes?</p> <p>Will the development be appropriate to meet local needs and the needs of special groups?</p> <p>Will the development result in the displacement of existing residents, or alter the availability of affordable housing or boarding housing?</p> <p>Will the development be likely to result in or alter concentrated social disadvantage?</p> <p>Does neighbourhood design promote inclusion of different social groups and promote social interaction?</p>

## ASSESSMENT

**Briefly describe how the development will impact on housing diversity locality/and/or Shire?**

**Positive Impacts:**

**Negative Impacts:**

**Describe the proposed measures you will use (which may include social benefits) to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts on housing diversity:**

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IMPACT CATEGORY	RELEVANCE	SCOPING QUESTIONS
<b>Accessibility and Mobility</b>	<p>The location of housing, education, employment and community services and facilities in proximity to public transport, cycling and walking networks enhances their accessibility.</p> <p>Good connective infrastructure and universal access design benefits everyone in the community.</p>	<p>Is the development appropriately located to maximise accessibility to public transport, pedestrian and cycle networks.</p> <p>Does the proposal consider and provide measures to ensure universal access?</p> <p>Will the proposal result in particular group in the community being excluded or having limited in their access?</p> <p>Will someone with reduced mobility have trouble accessing and/or moving around this proposed development?</p>

## ASSESSMENT

**Briefly describe how the development will impact on physical access to and from places, spaces and transport?**

**Positive Impacts:**

**Negative Impacts:**



**Describe the proposed measures you will use to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts on accessibility:**

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IMPACT CATEGORY	RELEVANCE	SCOPING QUESTIONS
<b>Community Safety</b>	<p>Feelings of being safe and reducing opportunities for crime is important to community wellbeing.</p> <p>When people feel safe in their community they are able to go about their daily lives without fear for their safety or the safety of others.</p> <p>Design of buildings, places and neighbourhoods can impact on community safety. Good design aims to reduce opportunities for opportunistic crime and is supportive of the safety of the community.</p>	<p>Has the proposal considered the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)? Such as natural surveillance, access control, territorial reinforcement and space management.</p> <p>Does the proposal have potential to change the way people feel about their safety in the community/ neighbourhood/street?</p> <p>Is adequate lighting proposed to ensure safe night time use?</p> <p>Has appropriate surveillance technologies been proposed?</p> <p>Can the design and /or proposal be altered to improve community safety?</p>

## ASSESSMENT

**Briefly describe how the development will impact on crime and safety (including perceived) in the locality/Shire.**

**Positive Impacts:**

## Negative Impacts:

Describe your proposed measures you will use (which may include social benefits) to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts on crime and feelings of safety:

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IMPACT CATEGORY	RELEVANCE	SCOPING QUESTIONS
<b>Access to Employment and Training</b>	<p>Access to employment and education are key factors in influencing a community's ability to function effectively, to be resilient, and to enjoy good health outcomes.</p> <p>Costly travel expenses can be a barrier to people on low incomes accessing work and/or education.</p> <p>Diverse local employment opportunities reduce the risk of unemployment and income disparity, which both result in poorer social and health outcomes.</p>	<p>Will the development alter the number or diversity of jobs available to the local community?</p> <p>Will employment and education be readily accessible from the development?</p>

## ASSESSMENT

**Briefly describe how the development will impact the quantity and/or diversity of local employment opportunities (temporary or permanent) or increase/decrease opportunities to access local training and further education?**

**Positive Impacts:**

**Negative Impacts:**

**Describe your proposed measures you will use (which may include social benefits) to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts on the local employment and education and training opportunities:**

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IMPACT CATEGORY	RELEVANCE	SCOPING QUESTIONS
<b>Local Economy</b>	Strong local economies support community wellbeing through support of local employment opportunities, promotion of business opportunities, tourism activities and local entertainment options.	<p>Will the proposal impact (positively or negatively) on the existing/emerging local economy?</p> <p>Is the proposal supportive of new economic opportunities in the community?</p>

## ASSESSMENT

**Briefly describe how the development will impact on the local economy:**

**Positive Impacts:**

**Negative Impacts:**

**Describe your proposed measures you will use (which may include social benefits) to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts on the local economy:**

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<b>Cultural and Community Significance</b>	<p>Items and places of cultural and community significance help to foster a sense of local identity and belonging.</p> <p>These places can be spiritually significant and can be culturally important to groups within the community.</p> <p>These places can also represent connections to the past and can create a focal point to help people to feel involved and welcome, and encourage community participation.</p>	<p>Have areas of community and cultural significance been investigated and considered?</p> <p>Are any areas or places of cultural and community significance located within the proposal site?</p> <p>Will the proposal impact (positively or negatively) on existing items or places of cultural and/or community significance?</p> <p>Has the community been consulted about this?</p> <p>Are measures proposed to reduce or remove impact on cultural and community significant areas?</p> <p>Does the proposal have the potential to create new items or places of cultural and/or community significance?</p>

## ASSESSMENT

Briefly describe how the development will impact on items or places of cultural or community significance.

**Positive Impacts:**

**Negative Impacts:**

**Describe the proposed measures you will use (which may include social benefits) to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts on items or places of cultural or community significance:**

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<b>Arts and Creative Activities</b>	Opportunities for engagement in the arts and creative activities represents an important dimension of community wellbeing by building social connections within groups and across communities.	<p>Will the proposal impact (positively or negatively) on the existing/emerging local economy?</p> <p>Is the proposal supportive of new economic opportunities in the community?</p>

## ASSESSMENT

**Briefly describe how the development will impact on existing and/or future arts and creative activities in the locality/The Shire**

**Positive Impacts:**

## Negative Impacts:

Describe your proposed measures you will use (which may include social benefits) to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts on arts and creative activities in the locality/Shire:

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<b>Supportive Communities and needs of specific Population Groups</b>	<p>Supportive communities are inclusive communities that provide adequate services and facilities for everyone in the community.</p> <p>Communities are made up of a number of different population sub groups. These groups can be based on but not limited to, age, disadvantage and advantage, health status, ability, religion and/or culture.</p> <p>It is important that the specific needs of the relevant population subgroups are considered and planned for in any proposal for change.</p>	<p>What subgroups in the community will be impacted by this proposal?</p> <p>Has adequate consideration been given to the specific needs of this group/s?</p> <p>How can the proposal address specific needs of different subgroups?</p> <p>Can the proposal be amended to be more inclusive?</p> <p>Does the proposal comply with the relevant Government Policy and Regulations?</p>

## ASSESSMENT

**Briefly describe how the development will impact on the needs of specific groups in the community (please list these community groups and the impacts specific to these groups).**

**Positive Impacts:**

**Negative Impacts:**

**Describe your proposed measures you will use (which may include social benefits) to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts on the needs of specific population groups:**



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<b>Participation in Community Life</b>	Strong healthy communities are communities where people have opportunities to participate in community life and are able to develop strong community networks.	<p>What opportunities are in the community to support participation in community life?</p> <p>Will the proposal alter any of these?</p> <p>Would the proposal cause anxiety or reduce trust?</p> <p>Will the proposal integrate or conflict with the surrounding community?</p>

## ASSESSMENT

**Briefly describe how the development will impact on opportunities to participate in community life:**

**Positive Impacts:**

**Negative Impacts:**

**Describe your proposed measures you will use (which may include social benefits) to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts on the opportunities to participate in community life:**

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<b>Impact on Amenity (pleasantness) of Place and Surroundings</b>	<p>Places with good amenity have a strong positive impact on health and wellbeing. They contribute greatly to happiness, which brings significant health benefits. They also encourage people to spend time outside their homes, which boosts incidental social interaction and community participation.</p> <p>Good amenity also helps to build a sense of community stewardship over public areas and improves the ongoing maintenance and management of a neighbourhood.</p>	<p>Will the proposal have a positive or negative impact on amenity of the place and its surroundings?</p> <p>How can any positive impacts be amplified? How can any negative impacts be mitigated?</p>

## ASSESSMENT

**Briefly describe how the development will impact on the amenity or enjoyment of the area:**

**Positive Impacts:**

## Negative Impacts:

**Describe your proposed measures you will use (which may include social benefits) to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts on the amenity or enjoyment of the area:**

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<b>Impact on Urban Heat</b>	Urban heat is a growing problem in Australia, and can lead to poor social and health outcomes. In addition to heat-related illnesses, it can lead to an over-reliance on air conditioning, inequity because of increased risks for people who do not have access to air conditioning, and a lack of social connection during hot weather as people stay at home. Planning should consider the need for shade and for cool area sanctuaries that are accessible to all and not restricted to libraries and commercial premises.	<p>Will the proposal have a positive or negative impact on urban heat and people's options for coping with urban heat?</p> <p>How can any positive impacts be amplified? How can any negative impacts be mitigated?</p>

## ASSESSMENT

**Briefly describe how the development will impact on urban heat or people's options for dealing with urban heat.**

**Positive Impacts:**

**Negative Impacts:**

**Describe your proposed measures you will use (which may include social benefits) to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any negative impacts on urban heat or people's options for dealing with urban heat.**

## **2. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR CHANGES TO PLANNING INSTRUMENTS AND MASTER PLANS**

**Will the proposal generate the need for additional community facilities such as:**

- affordable and flexible community meeting spaces
- affordable community office space to support government and non-government services.
- recreational facilities (indoor and outdoor)

**Will the proposal generate the need for additional public transport and what measures are proposed to address this demand?**

### 3. OVERALL SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES AND PROPOSED MITIGATIONS

**Please provide a summary of findings and proposed mitigations**