

## Guidance on maximum Benchmark Timeframes for planning proposals

The NSW Government is committed to reducing the time taken to assess planning proposals. The Department's categorisation of planning proposals in the Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline (Department of Planning and Environment, August 2023) is supported by category specific timeframes for satisfaction of conditions and authority and Government agency referrals, consultation, and responses.

Compliance with milestones will be monitored by the Department to ensure planning proposals are progressing as required. The Minister may appoint an alternate planning proposal authority if Council does not meet these timeframes.

| Stage                                    | Maximum Benchmark Timeframes (working days) |                  |                  |                  |
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|  | Basic                                       | Standard         | Complex          | Principal        |
| Stage 1 – Pre-lodgement                  | 30 days                                     | 50 days          | 60 days          | 20-30 days       |
| Stage 2 – Planning Proposal              | 80 days                                     | 95 days          | 120 days         | 40 days          |
| Stage 3 – Gateway determination          | 25 days                                     | 25 days          | 45 days          | 45 days          |
| Stage 4 – Post-Gateway                   | 20 days                                     | 50 days          | 70 days          | 160 days         |
| Stage 5 – Public Exhibition & Assessment | 70 days                                     | 95 days          | 115 days         | 95 days          |
| Stage 6 – Finalisation                   | 25 days                                     | 55 days          | 70 days          | 80 days          |
| Sub-total (Department target)            | 140 working days                            | 225 working days | 300 working days | 380 working days |
| Total (end to end)                       | 220 days                                    | 320 days         | 420 days         | 420 days         |

Note: Department target of 380 working days is measured from Stage 3 – Stage 6 (inclusive).

Planning proposal PP-2022-2040 is categorised as a Standard proposal as described in the Local Environmental Plan Making Guidelines (Department of Planning and Environment, August 2023).

To ensure your planning proposal is finalised by 29/10/2024 and meets the benchmarks timeframes for a Standard proposal we recommend the following milestones:

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| <b>Community consultation should start:</b>    | 27 March 2024     |
| <b>Post exhibition report back to Council:</b> | 13 August 2024    |
| <b>Submit for GIS and legal drafting:</b>      | 17 September 2024 |
| <b>LEP completion:</b>                         | 29 October 2024   |

Please contact the Department as soon as possible in the event that unexpected delays occur that may impact timing, so that assistance to meet these timeframes can be discussed.