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A New Planning System for NSW

The NSW Government is creating a planning system for the 21st century. A planning system focussed on the public interest. A planning system that places people and their choices at the heart of planning decisions about their future.

On 14 July 2012, the NSW Government released *A New Planning System for New South Wales – Green Paper*, a bold step in the development of a new planning system for the State.

The Green Paper outlines major changes in key areas of the planning system, these will result in reforms across a number of areas such as:

- involving the community early in guiding planning decisions that will shape the growth and future of our cities, towns, and neighbourhoods

- placing much more emphasis on preparing good policies upfront to guide growth and development

- reducing red tape and delay for the assessment of development applications for all types of proposals

- ensuring that infrastructure is planned and delivered to support new and existing communities

- promoting a 'can do' culture in the planning system and ensuring that councils and the government are accountable for delivering the results they have committed to

- providing greater access to information about planning policies, planning decisions, and your rights in the planning process.

Have your say

The Green Paper has been released for community and industry feedback for a period of two months. Once the Government has received and considered the feedback from the community, a White Paper will be released, providing much more detail on how the new system will be implemented. The Government encourages feedback on the Green Paper and there are several ways to do that.

Visit the New Planning System online forum (<http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/newplanningsystem>) where you can:

- join our forums and comment on the changes proposed in the Green Paper

- access the Green Paper, the two volume Independent Review Report and other related documents including frequently asked questions and an International Best Practice Review

- upload a submission on the Green Paper or the Independent Panel's Review Report; or send your comments to us via email.

Alternatively, submissions can be posted to the New Planning System Team, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, Sydney 2001.

In addition to the online forum, a number of face-to-face and online events and workshops will also be held throughout the exhibition period for members of the public and industry representatives to provide their feedback.

The closing date for submissions is **Friday 14 September 2012**.

Green Paper and related documents

View or download in PDF:

- [A New Planning System for NSW - Green Paper](#) (4.4mb)

- [Frequently Asked Questions - A New Planning System for NSW](#) (80k)

- [Frequently Asked Questions for Councils](#) (76k)

- [A Review of International Best Practice in Planning Law](#), by Leslie Stein (668k) commissioned by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to inform the preparation of the Green Paper

The Green Paper is the Government's initial response to the Recommendations of the Independent Review of the NSW Planning System that commenced in July 2011 and was led by the Hon Tim Moore and The Hon Ron Dyer.

View or download in PDF, *The Way Ahead for Planning in NSW – Recommendations of the NSW Planning System Review: Volume 1 – Major Issues* and *Volume 2 – Other Issues*. For more information about the Independent Review, go to the [Planning System Review website](#).

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