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Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025 First print

Proposed amendments

No. 1 Minister not accepting recommendation from Housing Delivery Authority

Page 6, Schedule 1[16], proposed section 2.11C. Insert after line 14—

(2) If the Minister decides not to accept a recommendation of the Housing Delivery Authority made under subsection (1)(b)(ii), (iii) or (iv), the Minister must publish notice of the decision, and the reasons for the decision, on the NSW planning portal.

No. 2 Development Coordination Authority—annual report

Page 7, Schedule 1[16], proposed section 2.11G. Insert after line 25—

(5) The Planning Secretary must, in the annual report of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, report on the operations of the Development Coordination Authority.

No. 3 Community participation plans

Page 11, Schedule 1[29]. Insert after line 39—

- (1A) The Planning Secretary must arrange for the community participation plan to be published on the NSW legislation website.
- (1B) The *Interpretation Act 1987*, sections 40 and 41 apply to a community participation plan in the same way as the sections apply to a statutory rule.

No. 4 Expedited amendments of environmental planning instruments

Page 13, Schedule 1[42], proposed section 3.22(1)(d), lines 21 and 22. Omit "necessary or convenient". Insert instead "reasonably necessary".

No. 5 Declaration of targeted assessment development—submission period

Page 18, Schedule 1[68], proposed section 4.20A(3)(b), line 17. Omit all words on the line. Insert instead—

- (b) to invite the public to make written submissions to the Minister on the proposed policy within a specified period after the date on which the explanation was published, being a period of not less than 28 days, and
- (c) to consider the written submissions received by the Minister within the specified period.

No. 6 Regular reviews of amendments about Housing Delivery Authority

Page 41, Schedule 2[39]. Insert after line 39—

Regular reviews of amendments about Housing Delivery Authority

- (1) A Joint Select Committee of the Parliament must be established in relation to this Act.
- (2) The Joint Select Committee must undertake reviews of the amendments made to the Act by the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment* (*Planning System Reforms*) Act 2025 relating to the Housing Delivery Authority to determine whether—
 - (a) the policy objectives of the amendments remain valid, and
 - (b) the terms of the Act, as amended, remain appropriate for securing the objectives.
- (3) A review must be undertaken as soon as practicable after each period of 3 years from the commencement of the amendments.
- (4) A report on the outcome of a review must be tabled in each House of Parliament within 12 months after the end of each period of 3 years.
- (5) The Joint Select Committee must consist of the following members—
 - (a) a chairperson who must be a member of, and appointed by, the Legislative Assembly,
 - (b) 5 other members who are members of, and appointed by, the Legislative Assembly,
 - (c) 4 members who are members of, and appointed by, the Legislative Council.