

Planning and Environment Court Bill 2015

Explanatory Notes

FOR

Amendments To Be Moved During Consideration In Detail By The Honourable Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment

Title of the Bill

Planning and Environment Court Bill 2015

Objectives of the Amendments

The objective of proposed amendments is to—

- a) address minor or technical drafting issues;
- b) address issues raised in submissions made to the Committee during the Committee's consideration of the Bill.

Achievement of the Objectives

The amendments clarify provisions for accuracy and consistency.

Alternative Ways of Achieving Policy Objectives

There is no alternative way to achieve these objectives other than by amending the Bill.

Estimated Cost for Government Implementation

There are no additional anticipated costs for government arising from the amendments.

Consistency with Fundamental Legislative Principles

The proposed amendments are consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Consultation versions of the Planning Bill package, consisting of the draft Planning Bill, the draft Planning and Environment Court Bill 2015, and the draft Planning (Consequential) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015, were made publicly available by the Department from 10 September to 23 October 2015, prior to their introduction in the Legislative Assembly on 12 November 2015. A large number of submissions were received, many very detailed, about the draft Bills, with the bulk of submissions relating to the draft Planning Bill 2015. Submissions were received from all sectors including Local Governments, Infrastructure providers, Industry, Environmental and heritage groups, community groups and individuals.

Consultation occurred through the Committee's concurrent inquiry on the six Planning Bills, consisting of the government's three Bill package outlined above and the three Private Member's Planning Bills introduced in the Legislative Assembly on 4 June 2015. A total of 127 submissions were received on the six Bills. The Committee conducted public hearings on the six Planning Bills package on 27, 28 and 29 January 2016 in Cairns, Townsville and Mackay, and on 26 February 2016 in Brisbane.

NOTES ON PROVISIONS

Amendment 1 amends clause 7(2) to address an inconsistency between subclauses (2) and (3).

Amendment 2 amends clause 7(3) for consistency with amendment 1 above.