

Attachment 1 - Staged Implementation of NSW Planning Reforms

The Government is taking a staged approach to the commencement of the new Act to ensure a smooth transition to the new measures.

While most of the changes have commenced on 1 March 2018, there will be a number of other changes that will involve further design and consultation.

These new features of the planning system will commence in a staged manner, as illustrated in the table below:

NEW OBLIGATION	ESTIMATED COMMENCEMENT
Ending transitional arrangements for Part 3A	Early 2018
Local planning panels	Early 2018
Statement of reasons	Mid 2018
Changes to concurrences and referrals	Late 2018
Changes to conditions for major projects	Late 2018
Enforceable undertakings	Late 2018
Local strategic planning statements	1 July 2019 for Greater Sydney & 1 July 2020 for the rest of NSW
LEP check	Late 2019
Community participation plans	Late 2019
Improvements to complying development	Late 2019
Building and subdivision	Late 2019
Standard format development control plans	Mid 2020

This will provide time for councils, communities, industry and practitioners to understand and prepare for the new requirements, including by updating their documents and forms to reflect the new structure.

Most of the changes have come into effect from 1 March 2018. Other changes will take longer to switch on and will involve further consultation.

New features such as community participation plans and local strategic planning statements will be introduced over time to ensure all stakeholders can prepare for changes, supported by appropriate guidance, templates and other resources.