



FACT SHEET THREE

Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment (Major Amendment No.2)

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Western Downs Regional Council is committed to ensuring its planning scheme remains contemporary, consistent and responsive to changing community needs, expectations and legislation.

Council has embarked on a proposed planning scheme amendment project – Major Amendment No. 2 – to amend and update the current version of the Western Downs Planning Scheme 2017.

A summary of key proposed changes to the Planning Scheme are provided below.

- Expanded the opportunity to facilitate the land use for “Battery Storage Facility” within the Rural Zone, Community Facilities Zone, and all Industry zones in alignment with new regulated requirements under the *Planning Regulation 2017*.
- Inclusion of additional provisions to facilitate Health Care Services within the Low Density Residential Zone Code.
- Reduction in the level of assessment for Operational Works (OPW) where preceded by a Material Change of Use or Reconfiguration of a Lot.
- Amendment to the Strategic Framework to include section 1.7.4 – Aboriginal cultural heritage duty of care.
- Expanded opportunity (reduced level of assessment) for expansion to existing Major Electricity Infrastructure in the Community Facilities Zone.
- Review and refined the industry thresholds, Category of Development and Assessment, and definitions to facilitate craft breweries.
- Review and refine assessment benchmarks under the Accommodation Activities Code pertaining to ‘Secondary Dwellings’ to align with the *Planning Regulation 2017*.
- Additional provisions to avoid reverse amenity impacts for ‘Intensive Animal Industry’ through the Rural Zone Code.
- Review of Categories of Development and Assessment for Rural Workers’ Accommodation to align with recent amendments to the *Planning Regulation 2017*.
- Review of Categories of Development and Assessment for Nature Based Tourism, where involving accommodation activities.
- Administrative amendments including:
 - > Rectify administrative and referencing errors.
 - > Alignment with the *Planning Regulation 2017* including updating of definitions.
- Mapping changes that include:
 - > Updating the cadastral layer to capture changes that have occurred since the introduction of the planning scheme.
 - > Updated map details to enhance legibility.
 - > Update Strategic Framework Mapping (Sewer Treatment Plan Buffer, Sewerage Treatment Plant) to reflect Chinchilla Wastewater Facility.
 - > Review of the Waste Station Buffer area (OM-006).
 - > Zoning changes for fourteen (19) land parcels within the Local government area.

Q - What if I have further questions?

A - Council will have planning staff available to speak with members of the community, to assist with understanding the proposed Major Amendment No. 2 and the plan-making process.

For more information you can:

- access information and resources (including supporting reports and fact sheets) about the proposed Major Amendment No. 2 from Council’s dedicated webpage for this project,
- email your enquiry us at strategic.planning@wdrc.qld.gov.au
- contact Council on 1300 COUNCIL.

The content of this fact sheet is a summary only and has been prepared to assist the reader to understand the proposed Western Downs Regional Council Planning Scheme 2017 Major Amendment No. 2. Please refer to the full document available on Council’s website for further detail.

