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Commencement of the NSW Planning Portal

The purpose of this circular is to advise councils, industry and the community on commencement of the NSW Planning Portal and to provide guidance to councils on the new standard technical requirements for maps and spatial datasets incorporated by reference in environmental planning instruments and other plans.

NSW Planning Portal and NSW Planning Database

The NSW Planning Portal and the NSW Planning Database will be established from 30 November 2015.

The Planning Portal is a website to provide public access to the planning services and information in the NSW Planning Database.

The NSW Planning Database is an electronic repository of documents, environmental planning instruments, spatial datasets and maps accessible through the NSW Planning Portal.

Provisions in section 158E(3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the EP&A Act) enable the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) to determine standard technical requirements for:

- environmental planning instruments
- plans, or documents
- spatial datasets
- maps
- the form of applications for consent, approvals or certificates that must be implemented by councils and other planning authorities.

These standard technical requirements will help to facilitate the exchange of information in the planning system.

New standard technical requirements for spatial datasets and maps

A reliable and up-to-date set of the maps and spatial datasets contained in environmental planning instruments and other plans has been identified as a resource that is critical to the work of planners generally.

The Secretary of the Department has determined [*Standard Technical Requirements for Spatial Datasets and Maps \(Version 1.0 dated 30 November 2015\)*](#).

These standard technical requirements update and consolidate the current standards for planning related spatial datasets and maps.

The revised standard covers environmental planning instruments (local environmental plans and State environmental planning policies), development control plans and contributions plans.

The revised standard supersedes the standard requirements for LEP GIS data, November 2008, Version 1.1 and the standard technical requirements for LEP maps, November 2012, Version 2.0 and the Standard requirements for GIS data for SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008, March 2010, V1.4.

The standard technical requirements take effect from 30 November 2015.

The Department will, as part of its processes of continuous quality assurance, work with councils to ensure that the planning data submitted as part of the plan-making process meets the adopted standard.

Requirements to submit development control plans and contributions plans through Portal

From 30 November 2015, the NSW Planning Portal will provide a central point of access to development control plans and contributions plans across New South Wales.

Councils are required to provide development control plans to the Secretary of the Department within 28 days after making the plan (cl.25AB of the EP&A Regulation).

Councils are also required to provide copies of contributions plans to the Minister as soon as practicable after approving a plan (s.94EA(4) of the EP&A Act).

From 30 November 2015, councils are asked to submit copies of the plans through the NSW Planning Portal. The current FTP site will cease to operate from that date.

Further Information

A copy of this circular is available at <http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au>

A copy of the Amendment Act is available at <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au>

The NSW Planning Portal can be accessed (from 30 November 2015) at <http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au>

For further information, please contact the Department of Planning and Environment's information centre on 1300 305 695.

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