Coorong District Council Information Guide

Planning & Development

Fact Sheet 18 - How do I get the Development Plan Changed?

The Development Plan is a tool to guide the assessment of Development Applications. Sometimes applicants may want to do a development which the Development Plan policies do not support – whether that is because of the location, type of development, or the scale of the development proposed. If the Development Plan policies do not support the proposed development then typically the application will not be approved. Changing the Development Plan to remove barriers to a particular form of development or add policy that supports a particular form of development is not a quick or simple process.

How are Development Plans changed?

In South Australia, changes to the Development Plan are made through a process called a "Development Plan Amendment" or DPA. This process usually takes at least one year from the initiation of the change to the amendment of the Development Plan. It is a quite a time consuming and expensive process for Councils and is not usually done to deal with "one off" issues.

The DPA process is a joint process between Council and the State Government and ultimately gets approval from the Minister for Planning.

Can I comment on a Development Plan Amendment?

The DPA process includes consultation with the community and this is an important opportunity for individuals to influence and have their say on the proposed outcome. From time to time Councils undertake more general reviews and changes to the Development Plan and this can be an opportunity for private individuals to raise issues with Council during the investigations and consultation process that may lead to changes in the Development Plan

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Development Information Guides are intended to help applicants to submit applications which are complete, well prepared, and can be processed efficiently. The information provided is intended as a general guide only and applicants are encouraged to refer to Coorong District Council's Development Plan and to seek advice from our staff if necessary.

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