

Amending the Redland City Plan

What is the Redland City Plan?

The Redland City Plan (City Plan) is Council's planning scheme. City Plan sets out Redland City Council's intention for the future development of the city over the next 25 years. It guides Council in its land use decision-making, and advances state and regional planning policies through detailed local responses.

What is a planning scheme amendment?

Council is committed to ensuring the City Plan remains consistent and relevant in response to changing community needs, legislation and other factors. This is achieved through an ongoing program of feedback, review and amendments.

Amendments may involve a change to a planning scheme map (for example a zone change), a change to the written part of the scheme, or both.

Examples of where an amendment to City Plan may be required include:

- to respond to changes to State Government legislation or planning policy;
- to respond to emerging development issues;
- to identify new development outcomes being sought for an area; and
- to remedy errors such as spelling mistakes and inconsistent numbering of provisions.

What is the process for making a planning scheme amendment?

Unless otherwise agreed by the Minister, to amend City Plan Council is required to follow the process contained in the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules* (MGR) under the *Planning Act 2016* (the Act).

The requirements of the process vary depending on the type and scale of change proposed. For example, major amendments require additional stages, such as public consultation and State Government review.

What are the different types of planning scheme amendments?

There are four types of Planning Scheme amendments:

Administrative amendments correct or change simple matters. Examples include fixing spelling, grammatical or mapping errors, and updating references to redundant or outdated terminology.

Minor amendments are changes that do not materially affect the intent of the instrument or a policy position. Examples include updating zone and overlay mapping to reflect development approvals that have commenced and updating natural hazard mapping that forms part of the State Planning Policy.

Unlike the following two amendment types, minor and administrative amendments do not require public consultation or State approval.

Qualified State interest amendments are intended to apply to changes that are not considered administrative or minor amendments but have limited impact on State interests. This type of amendment requires public consultation and consideration by the Planning Minister.

Major amendments are changes that give effect to changes in policy positions or introduce new or materially different planning provisions. Examples include zone changes, establishing local area plans, and introducing new or changed planning provisions. It is worth noting that the process to undertake a major amendment is quite lengthy; it is not unusual for a major amendment to take more than a year from the start of the process to the commencement of the amendment package. The steps involved include the State Interest Review, public consultation and Minister's consideration.

Refer to figure 1 at the end of this fact sheet as a guide to the planning scheme amendment process.

How can I request an amendment to City Plan?

Anyone can give feedback on or make suggestions to amend City Plan. In doing so, sufficient justification for an amendment must be provided.

If you would like Council to consider an amendment request, please email the Strategic Planning Unit on rcc@redland.qld.gov.au. The request should include a detailed description of the suggestion, the parts of the City Plan the suggestion relates to and the planning rationale for the change.

Council officers will write to you to confirm receipt of your request and advise you on the expected date for the next amendment package. Generally, Council will undertake 1 major and 2 minor amendments each year, and it may be some time before a decision is made to either accept or reject your request.

Council officers will consider your request with regard to matters such as: the technical information supplied, whether the proposal is based on sound planning principles and if the proposal is consistent with the intent of City Plan and State planning instruments.

If a decision is made to proceed with your request it will form part of an amendment package presented to Council for consideration at a general meeting.

You are invited to contact Council officers at any time to request an update on the status of your request.

Note: If your request has previously been rejected, Council will not consider the same amendment request where there has been no significant change in circumstances.

How often is City Plan amended?

The Act does not specify timeframes on how often a planning scheme should be amended. However, the Act does require Council to review its planning scheme within 10 years of it being made or last reviewed, and decide whether to amend or replace the scheme.

Council's Corporate Plan (*Our Future Redlands – A Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond*) indicates a target of two amendments to City Plan per annum.

Where can I see proposed amendments to City Plan?

For further information and updates about amendments to City Plan, along with details of projects that are currently open for public consultation, please visit the Redland City Plan Amendments portal at:

<https://yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au/redland-city-plan-amendments>.

Where can I view City Plan?

The City Plan can be viewed as an interactive document or downloaded as a PDF document on Council's website:

<https://www.redland.qld.gov.au/info/20292/redland-city-plan/914/redland-city-plan-documents>

Superseded versions of City Plan and historic planning instruments (including the former Redlands Planning Scheme 2006) are also available on the website.

Where can I find more information on the Queensland planning framework and plan-making and amendment process?

More information can be found by referring to the State Government website at:

<https://planning.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/planning/our-planning-framework>.

Need further information?

For further information about planning scheme amendments please contact the Strategic Planning Unit by phone on (07) 3829 8999 or email rcc@redland.qld.gov.au

Figure 1. Planning Scheme amendment process

