

Regional Land Use Strategy

Work on revising and finalising the Regional Land Use Strategy following public consultation has now been completed. The Final Draft Regional Land Use Strategy was endorsed by the Steering Committee on 3 May 2011.

The Final Draft of the Regional Land Use Strategy along with the revised and finalised Background Reports are now available from the Southern Tasmanian Councils Website www.stca.tas.gov.au/rpp.

Also available from the website is the draft Implementation Report. Once a final decision has been issued on Planning Directive No. 1 (Common Key Elements Template for planning schemes), the Project Team will work on completing the Regional Model Planning Scheme in consultation with Councils. Once this work is completed the Implementation Report will be finalised and endorsed by the Steering Committee.

The Consultation Report (a preliminary draft was release in late February 2011) will be finalised over the next two weeks and also made available on the website.

Endorsement Process

With sign-off from the Steering Committee we have now forwarded the Final Draft Strategy to Councils and State Agencies. As outlined in the endorsement process flow chart (available for download from the website), we are seeking endorsement of the Strategy from each Council and a

letter of support from State Agencies prior to forwarding the document to the Minister for Planning for commencement of the declaration process.

At this stage we anticipate that the first stage in the endorsement process will be completed by end of June 2011, with the final version of the Strategy forwarded to the Minister for Planning at the beginning of July 2011.

Planning Schemes

Work on the regional elements within the new planning schemes will be completed as part of the finalisation of the Implementation Report. Once the final version of the State's Common Key Elements Template for Planning Schemes is made available by the Tasmanian Planning Commission, we will be able to advance our work on the regional elements. Individual Councils will then also be able to commence drafting their local components of the new planning schemes.

At this stage we anticipate that the drafting of all planning scheme will be completed towards the end of this year, following which they will be subject to a public consultation process. We will keep you updated on timelines for the consultation period.

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