

# Complying changes to the Planning and Design Code

## What is a complying change?

A complying change is a streamlined pathway to amend the Planning and Design Code with a recommendation made in a regional plan.

Complying changes fall under section 75 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* and [Practice Direction 2 – Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments](#).

## Requirements

For a regional plan recommendation to qualify for a complying change, it must clearly and expressly outline the details of the proposed changes to the area (subject to the satisfaction of the State Planning Commission and Minister for Planning).

It should typically include proposed changes (where relevant) to the:

- zone
- subzone
- overlay/s
- concept plan
- the following technical and numeric variations or other detail that reasonably describes the envisaged urban form to be applied to the affected area including density and/or building heights:
  - maximum building heights
  - minimum site areas

Importantly, a complying change must also be lodged within two years of a regional plan recommendation being made.

## Community consultation on a complying change

A complying change is a way to streamline the implementation of recommendations in a regional plan, on the basis that the local community would have already been consulted with and provided the opportunity to influence the proposed changes during the engagement process for the regional plan itself.

In such a way, a complying change is subject to two phases of consultation governed by the [Community Engagement Charter](#):

**1. During the preparation or amendment of a Regional Plan:**

This is the primary consultation process whereby impacted landowners, the local community and key stakeholders are given the opportunity to view, provide feedback and influence recommendations within a regional plan (which can then become complying changes).

This consultation must be robust, comprehensive, and adhere to the Charter principles for good engagement.

**2. Following lodgement of a proposal for a complying change:**

Part B of the Charter requires that a 10-day public notification process occurs via the PlanSA website to ensure that any person can have a say prior to a complying change being finalised.

## More information

The complying change requirements are detailed in [Practice Direction 2 – Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments](#).

Further information on the [Community Engagement Charter](#) is available on the PlanSA website.

Should you have any further questions, please get in touch via:

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