

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

(continued)

SECTION:	Planning
ITEM NUMBER:	Item 4
SUBJECT:	Amendments to State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 and Standard Instrument Order – Group homes
File Reference:	U07/02
Reason:	Inform Council of changes relating to Affordable Rental Housing SEPP & Group homes definition changes.
Objective:	Keep Council informed of relevant legislative changes.
Budget Implication:	Nil
Operational Plan:	Principle Activity 5

Information:

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure recently exhibited amendments to State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 (AHSEPP) and to the Standard Instrument to clarify matters relating to the size of group homes that can be approved through complying development provisions and who can occupy a group home development.

These amendments were notified and commenced on 5 October 2012.

The AHSEPP was amended to include:

- definitions of “permanent group home” and “transitional group home”. Previously the AHSEPP referred to these terms as defined in the Standard Instrument.
- a clause to define “people with a disability” and “people who are socially disadvantaged”
- amendments to clause 45(1) to impose a 10 bedroom limit for group home developments when carried out as complying development.

The Standard Instrument Order's dictionary was also amended for consistency by adopting the same definitions of “people with a disability” and “people who are socially disadvantaged”.

The remaining provisions of the AHSEPP relating to group homes remain unchanged.

The amended instruments can be found at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.

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Recommendation:

That Council note the amendments to State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 (AHSEPP) and to the Standard Instrument.