

Planning Scheme amendments should be kept separate from any associated Development Application. It is not fair on the general public to understand a Planning Scheme amendment as well as a Development Application at the same time.

Advertising Planning Scheme amendments should include a dedicated summary table highlighting the relevant existing Scheme Parts compared to the proposed new or changed Scheme Parts, so that the changes can be readily understood by the general public.

Developers and Council should formally advertise, engage and consult with the general public for projects on public land to ensure that the existing values, amenities and uses of the public land and its surrounds are properly identified, assessed and documented for a proposed development, **prior** to any proposed Planning Scheme amendment or Development Application.

Councils must insist that developers undertake the surveys required by the relevant Scheme Parts and that these surveys are referred to the relevant Government statutory authorities for their assessment and their findings **prior** to the submission of the project DA to Council.