

Fact Sheet: Improvement Plan & Scheme

Precincts WA uses the Improvement Plan and Improvement Scheme provisions of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* to establish a single planning framework across multiple station precincts.

Improvement plans are strategic instruments used to facilitate the development of land in areas identified by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) as requiring particular attention. The WAPC can recommend to the Minister for Planning that an improvement plan is made for the purpose of advancing the planning, development and use of land.

Improvement schemes are similar instruments to local planning schemes and can be established in areas where an improvement plan exists. The improvement scheme gives statutory effect to the objectives of an improvement plan and contains detailed planning and land use provisions that are used to guide development.

Once approved, the improvement scheme replaces the Metropolitan Region Scheme and local planning scheme, and the WAPC becomes responsible for approving development. The WAPC will work with local governments to share that responsibility, which will help to ensure that matters of local importance are properly considered in decision making.

The Station Precincts Improvement Plan has now been approved and the associated improvement scheme will be released for public comment in the coming months.



The establishment of a single improvement plan and improvement scheme over multiple station precincts will:

- Streamline decision-making, by reducing complexity, duplication and delays;
- Provide greater certainty for communities and industry by establishing consistent planning and development settings under a single statutory framework; and
- Encourage a wider range of housing types around stations to meet the needs of different households and life stages.

