
Appendix two – Planning determination pathways

The following assessment pathways are relevant to the planning proposals and DAs included in the Fast-tracked Assessment Program.

State Significant Development

DPIE assesses all DAs for State Significant Developments (SSDs).

These are then determined by either the Minister, DPIE staff under delegation from the Minister, or the Independent Planning Commission (IPC).

The IPC determines the following DAs for SSDs:

- The development is not supported by the relevant council(s).
- DPIE has received more than 50 unique public objections.
- The applicant has disclosed a reportable political donation in connection with the DA.

State Significant Infrastructure

DPIE manages the assessment and determination for all DAs for State Significant Infrastructure (SSI).

These are then determined by the Minister, or DPIE staff under delegation from the Minister.

Any projects deemed to be Critical State Significant Infrastructure are determined by the Minister.

Planning Proposals

Planning Proposals are assessed by DPIE and determined by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, who may appoint the Secretary of DPIE, a regional planning panel or a Sydney planning panel to determine the outcome of the proposal.