

PROPOSED TOWN PLANNING SCHEME NO. 4

The Shire of Mundaring commenced its Town Planning Scheme (TPS) Review in 2000 with the production and release for public submissions of a Scheme Examination Issues Paper. In August 2001 Council resolved to examine the operation of the Scheme as required by the Town Planning & Development Act.

In March 2002 the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) was requested to consider approval of the continuance of the Shire's existing TPS No. 3 for a further five years with minor changes pursuant to the requirements of the Town Planning & Development Act. The Minister considered the request and required in April 2003, that a new TPS and a Local Planning Strategy (LPS) be prepared. Council resolved in December 2003 to formally prepare a new LPS and TPS and seek the WAPC's approval.

Work on preparing the draft new TPS No. 4 and LPS is nearing completion. The review has been delayed beyond previously anticipated timeframes by staff turnover and the complexity of issues needing to be addressed in the documents. However, it is now anticipated that the draft TPS No. 4 and LPS should be completed and that Councillors will receive a presentation of those documents in the second part of 2009.

Council, once it adopts the draft TPS, will formally request the Hon. Minister for Planning & Infrastructure's consent to advertise the draft Scheme for a three month public comment period. The draft LPS and TPS 4 will also be forwarded to the Environmental Protection Authority for the setting of a level of environmental assessment.

At the conclusion of the public submission period, Council will consider all submissions and make a recommendation on each submission.

The WAPC and the Hon. Minister then also review those submissions. The Hon. Minister ultimately approves the TPS, and may require modifications based on matters raised in the submissions.

A Scheme Review is a lengthy process and it is not anticipated the process will be completed until late in 2010 at the earliest. The timeframe will depend on circumstances such as staffing levels, workload commitments, and the time taken by other parties (EPA, DPI, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure) prior to granting final approval and gazettal of the new Scheme.