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Amendment to Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No 26 Clause 54A

Extension of temporary school site provisions

This document answers frequently asked questions regarding the proposed amendment to *Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No 26 – City West* to allow the extension of the existing temporary school use in Wentworth Park to December 2023.

Why is this policy being amended?

NSW Department of Education has requested changes to the *Sydney Regional Environmental Plan 26 – City West*, to make it possible to extend the temporary school use at Wentworth Park for a further four years until 2023.

The NSW Department of Education has identified a need to extend the use of the existing temporary school at Wentworth Park on Wattle Street, in order to manage school upgrade works in the surrounding school cluster if decanting is identified as a preferred strategy by an affected school community.

What is the Sydney Regional Environmental Plan 26 – City West?

Sydney Regional Environmental Plan 26 – City West is a State Planning Policy which aims to:

- Establish planning principles for City West as a whole
- Establish planning principles and development controls for development in each Precinct within City West
- Promote the orderly and economic use and development of land within City West.

Sydney Regional Environmental Plan 26 sets out the planning controls for Wentworth Park.

Why was the Wentworth Park site chosen?

In order to manage school upgrade works in the surrounding school cluster, if decanting is identified as a preferred strategy by an affected school community, the NSW Department of Education has identified that extending the Wentworth Park temporary school:

- provides access to Wentworth Park
- allows the existing temporary fit for purpose buildings to be used
- allows for outdoor learning.

What is the boundary of the temporary school?

The existing boundary of the temporary school will not change.

The existing SREP 26 map 'Temporary use of land for the purposes of a school at Wentworth Park' identifies the location and boundary of the temporary school.

The temporary school would continue to represent less than 5% of the overall Wentworth Park/Sporting Complex area. The public will still be able to use most of Wentworth Park in the same manner as they currently do.

What about environmental and traffic issues at Wentworth Park?

NSW Department of Education is currently preparing a new environmental impact assessment, also known as a Review of Environmental Factors, which will identify any environmental issues that the proposed continued school use might have on Wentworth Park. NSW Department of Education carried out the same process as part of the approval of the original temporary use of the site as a school.

The environmental impact assessment will cover issues such as:

- the management of any contamination on the site
- traffic management including pick-up and drop off locations for students
- the reinstatement and improvement of the site following the removal of the temporary school.

Is Wentworth Park safe and secure for use by students?

The temporary school's location and design addresses safety and security issues consistent with NSW Department of Education's *Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines*, as well as the principles of *Crime Prevention through Environmental Design*, and NSW Policy *Safer by Design* guidelines.

How do I comment on the proposed changes?

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