



Department of **Planning,
Lands and Heritage**

Our ref: DG-2023-1689
Enquiries: Ph (08) 6551 9360

Dear Sir/Madam

**PROCLAMATION OF PARTS 6, 12 AND 14 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
AMENDMENT ACT 2020 - PUBLICATION PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (REGION
PLANNING SCHEMES) REGULATIONS 2023**

The *Planning and Development Amendment Act 2020* (Amendment Act) received Royal Assent on 7 July 2020. However, commencement of some Parts was specifically deferred to future dates to be proclaimed.

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is progressing the Proclamation of Parts 6, 12 and 14 of the Amendment Act, to occur in conjunction with publication of the Planning and Development (Region Planning Schemes) Regulations 2023. The accompanying table provides a brief explanation of Parts 6, 12 and 14.

While most Amendments relate to the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, Part 6 contains some Amendments that relate to the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* regarding referral of Planning Scheme Amendments. Following publication on the Western Australian Legislation website (<https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/>), on 12 July 2023, more details and supporting documents will be available on the Department's website. The commencement of Parts 6, 12 and 14 will occur on 1 August 2023.

Online information sessions on changes associated with Local Planning Schemes, referred to in new section 83A, will also be scheduled. To register your interest to participate in an information session, or if you have any queries, please contact the Planning Reform team on telephone (08) 6551 9360 or via email to planningreform@dplh.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Kannis PSM
Director General

14 July 2023

Summary Table - Parts 6, 12 and 14 Planning and Development Amendment Act 2020

Part #	Summary of Provisions
Part 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce risk-based pathways/streams for Region Scheme Amendments. • Create Planning and Development (Region Planning Scheme) Regulations 2023 to introduce the above risk-based pathways/streams and associated requirements for advertising. • Improve referrals to the Environmental Protection Authority, through the creation of Regulations by that authority, waiving requirement for referral of certain types of Amendments. • Powers and clarification for the Minister for Planning regarding approval for Local Planning Schemes Amendments, new Region Planning Schemes and Amendments. • A new requirement (Section 83A) for Local Governments to obtain consent from the Minister for Planning to advertise a Local Planning Scheme or Amendment.
Part 12	<p>Clarifies when the Western Australian Planning Commission is able to endorse a survey diagram/plan, based on certain conditions being complied with, at the time of registration. Also, the introduction of a two-year time extension to lodge a 'certified correct' survey diagram/plan.</p>
Part 14	<p>Enable an electronic version of a planning map held by the Western Australian Planning Commission to be the 'official' legal version. Allow minor modifications to be made to an electronic planning map, as new cadastral information, without requiring a formal Scheme Amendment.</p>