

FACT SHEET: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN AMENDMENT No. 14 PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Council is committed to reducing reliance on potable (drinking) water and increasing the reuse of greywater throughout the region. Council is also keen to improve the quality of stormwater entering our river systems and to recycle stormwater for use at local parks.

One of the ways that Council will assist the community to achieve these outcomes is through a set of DRAFT Water Sensitive Design measures to be added to the Tamworth Regional Council Development Control Plan 2010.

The Water Sensitive Design measures will require that all new houses and other forms of development incorporate a range of water efficiency measures at the design stage of the proposed development. The proposed amendment will also update the fast track development strand for residential development and reduce expected processing times for applications.

The DRAFT Water Sensitive Design measures together with Council's current Water Rebate Scheme aims to achieve significant potable water savings across the region.

Water Sensitive Design Essentials

The DRAFT Water Sensitive Design Essentials which are designed for minor residential development such as single dwelling, alterations and additions and dual occupancies that are capable of being assessed under Council's fast track development application program.

Small scale applications for development such as houses and dual occupancies will be eligible for a faster approval process if they include three out of six Water Sensitive Design Essentials.

The six Water Sensitive Design Essentials choices are:

- Water Efficient Appliances - These are products which have a Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) rating of more than three stars. These may include shower heads, dual flush toilets and flow controlled taps;

- Rainwater tank - A capacity of 1.5KL of water for each toilet in the house is required. A typical house with two or three toilets will require a three or 4.5KL rainwater tank;
- Rain garden - An outdoor landscaped area of approximately 2m² to 'filter' stormwater run off from the roof;
- Greywater diversion device - requires a land area of about 10m² and subsurface irrigation;
- Greywater treatment device - Treats greywater for use in toilet flushing, washing machines and sub surface irrigation in the garden; and
- Pre-plumbing for recycled water-preparation of the house slab for future greywater devices.



For all new dwellings, pre-plumbing works for recycled water is a mandatory requirement. Two out of the remaining five Water Sensitive Design measures must also be selected.

Fact sheets with more information on each of the six Water Sensitive Design Essentials are available from Council.

Water Saving Rebates

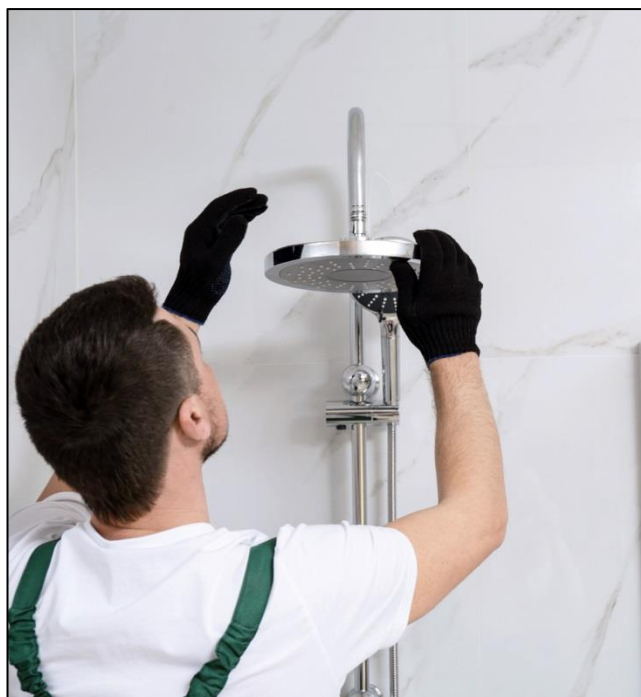
Water saving rebates are currently available from Council for a number of the Water Sensitive Design Essentials.

Council offers financial assistance to residents who install waterwise products in and around their homes and at their business through its Water Rebate Scheme.

The rebates are part of Council's proactive efforts to encourage residents and local businesses to optimise their water consumption and make Tamworth 'The Waterwise Region'.

They have been operating for some years with the current range of options now available being the largest number which Council has had on offer.

For details about rebates, go to www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/waterrebates



Water Sensitive Design Statement

Applications for other types of development such as commercial, industrial and multiple dwellings (units, townhouses) will need to demonstrate how the proposed developments meet certain quality and quantity targets to reduce the use of potable water and improve the quality of stormwater run-off by submitting a Water Sensitive Design Statement.

Any application to subdivide land into more than 10 lots will need to include a 'Water Sensitive Design Statement' that describes how the proposed subdivision will improve the quality of

stormwater run-off plus reuse the water on public land such as parks.

Council has a separate Water Sensitive Design Statement Fact Sheet with more information.

How can I have my say on the draft Water Sensitive Design Development Control Plan?

Due to the current COVID-19 public health orders, the usual public exhibition period has been extended from four weeks to six weeks.

The Public Exhibition of the draft amendment to the Development Control Plan will commence on Saturday, 20 June 2020 and close on Friday, 31 July, 2020.

During this time, interested community members are encouraged to look at the DRAFT Water Sensitive Design measures included in the Tamworth Regional Council Development Control Plan Amendment No. 14 as well as the associated Fact Sheets published on Council's website www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au and provide comments, suggestions and written feedback in relation to the draft amendment.

Submissions should be mailed to:

General Manager
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PO Box 555
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

or emailed to trc@tamworth.nsw.gov.au.

There will also be an online industry forum presentation including a Q&A held during the exhibition period.

Need help?

For further information:

- Call us on (02) 6767 5555 - Sam Lobsey and Genevieve Harrison (Water Sensitive Design measures for development); Steve Brake (Water Sensitive Design measures for subdivision); or Tracey Carr (Water Rebate Scheme); or
- Email: trc@tamworth.nsw.gov.au.
- Visit the Development Hub counter at Tamworth Regional Council, 437 Peel Street, Tamworth between 8:30am to 4:30pm weekdays.