

Determination Guidelines

Declaration of major projects

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This Guideline has been issued by the Tasmanian Planning Commission under section 60J of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

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1.0 Purpose and content

These guidelines provide guidance to the Minister when determining under section 600 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act) whether to declare a proposal for a project to be a major project

As required under section 60K of the Act, they are to be of general application to projects that may be declared to be major projects and they provide guidance in relation to all of the eligibility attributes referred to in section 60M of the Act.

2.0 Issue

These determination guidelines are issued by the Tasmanian Planning Commission under section 60J of the Act.

3.0 Matters the Minister is to have regard to

3.1 Attributes

Under section 60M (1), the project must have 2 or more of the following attributes:

Section 60M(1)(a) - the project will have a significant impact on, or make a significant contribution to, a region's economy, environment or social fabric

- (i) the significant impact or contribution of the major project will apply to a number of municipal areas or apply to a number of municipal areas that comprise a commonly known geographical or administrative region.
- (ii) the major project will potentially have a significant impact on, or make a significant contribution to:
 - a. the region's sustainable economic development through the creation of employment, provision of additional infrastructure or the utilisation of natural resources;
 - b. restoring, maintaining or enhancing the natural environment of a region;
or
 - c. improving existing physical and social infrastructure services that enhance community interaction and social cohesion or community health and wellbeing in a region.

Section 60M(1)(b) - the project is of strategic importance to a region

- (i) the significant impact or contribution of the major project will apply to a number of municipal areas or a number of municipal areas that comprise a commonly known geographical or administrative region.
- (ii) the major project and its location will:
 - a. enhance, facilitate or consolidate existing local, state or national plans, policies or strategies for the future sustainable development of the region; or
 - b. be the foundation for future sustainable development of physical and social infrastructure services of a region.

Section 60M(1)(c) - the project is of significant scale and complexity

- (i) the scale of the project requires:
 - a. the utilisation of significant areas of land, or volume of water resources;
 - b. the accessing and utilisation of a significant quantity of natural or manufactured resources; or
 - c. the establishment of a large facility, structure or installation.
- (ii) the project is complex because it includes one or more of the following:
 - a. compliance with a range of separate and independent regulatory requirements;
 - b. intergovernmental collaboration and decision making;
 - c. a significant level of financing from one or more funding source, public or private;
 - d. specialised knowledge and skills in project planning, design or construction;
 - e. connectivity and compatibility with existing infrastructure or services.

3.2 Compatibility with any SAP(s), PPZ(s) or SSQ(s) – Section 60K(5)

In determining whether to declare a project to be a major project, the Minister must consider:

- (1) whether any specific area plan (SAP), particular purpose zone (PPZ) or site-specific qualification (SSQ) in a planning scheme demonstrates a detailed and specific intention for the area of land on which the project proposed to be declared a major project is to be located;
- (2) the extent to which the project proposed to be declared a major project is incompatible with that intention; and
- (3) whether as a result of the nature and degree of the incompatibility, it may not be suitable for the project to be declared a major project for that area of land.