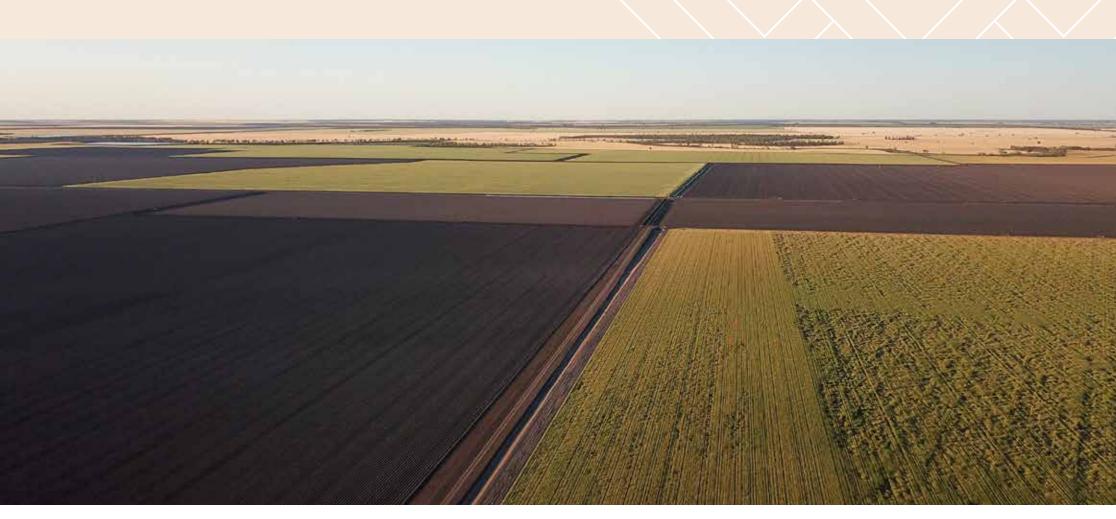
Moree Special Activation Precinct



Delivery Plan September 2022



We acknowledge Country and pay respects to the Gamilaroi people as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land and waters on which the Moree Special Activation Precinct site is situated and connected to via a broader landscape.

We recognise their continued connection to Country and that this connection can be seen through stories of place and cultural practices such as art, songs, dances, storytelling and caring for the natural and cultural landscape of the area.

We also recognise the continuing living culture of Aboriginal people, and the significance of Moree in that living culture. We recognise the contemporary stories of displacement and the cultural significance of Moree in the continued journey of self-determination in Australia.

We acknowledge all the people who have and will contribute their stories of Moree and their connection to this place.

We recognise the importance of telling the First story, first. All other stories of place come from and are woven into the First Story.

We recognise the importance of truth telling, a reckoning and the telling of the whole story.

In line with the 2022 NAIDOC theme, we acknowledge that the Moree Special Activation Precinct seeks proper environmental, cultural and heritage protections, and a genuine commitment

by all of us to Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

Gamilaraay terms are used in this Delivery Plan in recognition of the rich Gamilaroi history and today's community in Moree.

Terms have been sourced from the Gamilaraay, Yuwaalaraay & Yuwaalayaay Dictionary, Compiled and edited by Anna Ash, John Giacon and Amanda Lissarrague, Published by IAD Press 2003.

Gamilaraay word	English word
Yurrul	Bush
Yuu	Dust
Yuul	Food
Wugawa	Flood
Dhawun	Ground
Dhulu	Tree
Gali (noun)	Water
Warrambul	Watercourse

As NSW's northern gateway, Moree's Special Activation Precinct will support the diversification of its strong agricultural economy by building on its strong connection to country and sustainable gali-water endowments.



Cover image: Aerial of agricultural land in Moree



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Introduction



Orange harvesting in Moree



1.1 What is a Special Activation Precinct?

Special Activation Precincts are dedicated areas within regional New South Wales which have been identified by the NSW Government to drive regional economic development. They bring together planning and investment support services to create jobs, foster economic activity and grow our regional areas.



Foundations for Special Activation Precincts



Government-led studies



Streamlined planning



Government-led development



Infrastructure investment



Business Concierge

Special Activation Precincts will create jobs, attract businesses and investors and fuel economic development to meet the needs of regional communities.

The planning and delivery of Special Activation Precincts is underpinned by extensive environmental and infrastructure investigations which inform the master plan.

Special Activation Precincts offer streamlined planning approvals, government-funded infrastructure and business support services to reduce the time and cost of setting up business.

Special Activation Precincts offer businesses confidence with the right planning framework and infrastructure investment in place.



Aerial of cattle, Moree

1.2 What is the role of Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation



GG

Regional Growth NSW
Development Corporation
will support investors
and businesses, cutting
red tape with simplified
approval processes to
enable businesses to set-up
faster in Special Activation
Precincts in regional NSW.

The Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation (the corporation) offers business concierge services for end-to-end development within Special Activation Precincts. The corporation's goal is to deliver commercially successful Special Activation Precincts that boost economic development and job growth in regional NSW.

Infrastructure and services are embedded upfront into the master planning process. The corporation works collaboratively with businesses to set up true triple helix partnerships and bringing together all stakeholders to achieve the Special Activation Precinct vision and aspirations.

A key component is streamlined planning which is facilitated by the issuance of an Activation Precinct certificate. An Activation Precinct certificate is required for all development applications or applications for a Complying Development Certificate within a Special Activation Precinct.

The Activation Precinct Certification process is summarised in Section 1.7 of this document.

Services

Physical and digital enabling infrastructure, utilities and services

Approvals
Streamlined planning and environmental approvals

Investment
Industry investment and
attraction incentive packages
and management

Partnerships
Triple helix partnerships and collaboration

1.3 What is a delivery plan?

A delivery plan is a statutory document, referenced by the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts-Regional) 2021* (Precincts-Regional SEPP), and is required before any development can occur within a Special Activation Precinct.

This Moree Special Activation Precinct Delivery Plan (delivery plan) has been prepared by the corporation and must be consistent with the Moree Special Activation Precinct Master Plan (master plan). It sets out criteria for applications for an Activation Precinct certificate, including the:

- · precinct design principles
- · precinct revegetation strategy
- infrastructure planning and delivery
- subdivision design objectives
- assessment criteria for change of land uses and the construction of new buildings and structures.

The Moree Delivery Plan will be update periodically every 3-5 years, or as required by the corporation.

Who will use this delivery plan?

This delivery plan will be used by:

- the corporation, the issuing authority and consent authorities to evaluate or assess development proposals and provide advice to investors
- land owners, proponents and businesses to understand development and infrastructure obligations
- the community to understand the criteria and monitoring applied to development within the precinct.

The following planning framework facilitates the streamlined planning process for Special Activation Precincts (see Section 1.7 for more detail).



Precincts-Regional SEPP 2021

- · zone
- objectives
- land uses



Moree Special Activation Precinct master plan

- vision and aspirations
- principles
- precinct-wide performance measures

We are here





Moree Special Activation Precinct delivery plan

- built form and landscape design guidelines
- precinct-wide mapping
- landscape strategy
- precinct and site-based assessment criteria and solutions

Where does this delivery plan apply?

Under clause 12 of the Precincts-Regional SEPP, an issuing authority can only issue an Activation Precinct certificate for land if there is a master plan and delivery plan that applies to the land concerned.

This delivery plan applies to the Moree Special Activation Precinct (the precinct) where roads and services are being provided. The evolution of the delivery plan will be prepared by the corporation when required for future development.

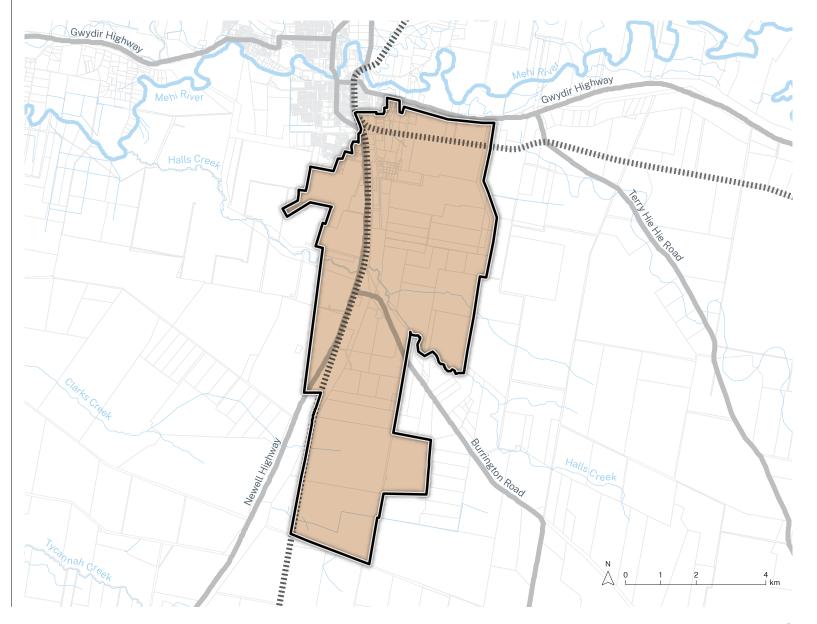
Special Activation Precinct boundary

IIIIIII Rail

Major roads

Rivers and creeks

Figure 1 Moree Special Activation Precinct



How to use this delivery plan

1

Introduction (this section)

This section sets the context for the precinct, including the broader legislative framework. It also sets out how this delivery plan should be navigated for development proposed within in the precinct, and the process development proposals will go through to obtain an Activation Precinct certificate.

2

Precinct design principles

This section sets out the overarching design outcomes for the precinct to ensure that the precinct is characterised by a high quality public realm through landscaping and design that is representative of a high quality advanced industry and business precinct.

3

Precinct revegetation strategy

This section sets out the precinct revegetation strategy which identifies the high value biodiversity to be protected, enhanced and incorporated into the site layout and design, as well as the riparian corridors and landscape principles for development interfacing with these areas.

4

Infrastructure

This section sets the context of the infrastructure needs and expectations for the precinct.



Read this section to understand:

- the broader legislative framework
- how to use the delivery plan
- the Activation Precinct Certification process.



Read this section to understand:

 the overarching design outcomes for the precinct aligned with the master plan guiding principles and the design considerations which are incorporated into the master plan's performance criteria.



Read this section to understand:

- the landscape context and where the areas of biodiversity, vegetation and riparian corridors are to inform planning and designing for your site
- the principles for protecting and enhancing areas of high biodiversity value and riparian corridors
- the species list when undertaking:
 - revegetation of strategic sites, corridor greening, rehabilitation of riparian corridors and vegetation corridor enhancements
 - landscaping on private sites.



Read this section to understand:

- what enabling infrastructure is being delivered in the precinct
- the objectives and principles guiding infrastructure planning and design within the precinct
- the site specific expectations for providing infrastructure.

Subdivision design guidelines

This section sets out the subdivision design objectives for planning a subdivision within the precinct.

6

Assessment criteria

This section sets out the performance criteria for evaluating whether a proposal is consistent with the master plan and delivery plan.

7

Monitoring, reporting and compliance

This section sets out the monitoring, reporting and compliance program for the precinct.

8

Mapping

This section sets out all the mapping that corresponds with the assessment criteria in Chapter 6.



Read this section to understand:

 what must be considered when planning a subdivision within the precinct, including the design objectives for topography, environment, environmental hazards, design and landscaping, stormwater and drainage, accessibility and infrastructure and services.



Read this section to understand:

- the performance-based planning approach to evaluating development proposals
- the requirements which must be considered when planning and designing your site
- the requirements which a development proposal will be evaluated against to determine whether it is consistent with the master plan and delivery plan.



Read this section to understand:

- the overarching precinct wide monitoring program which the corporation will undertake to evaluate whether the precinct is on track to meet its targets, objectives and outcomes
- how businesses will contribute to precinct wide monitoring and reporting.



Read this section:

 in conjunction with the assessment criteria for site specific development.

What parts of this delivery plan should I look at?1

Applies

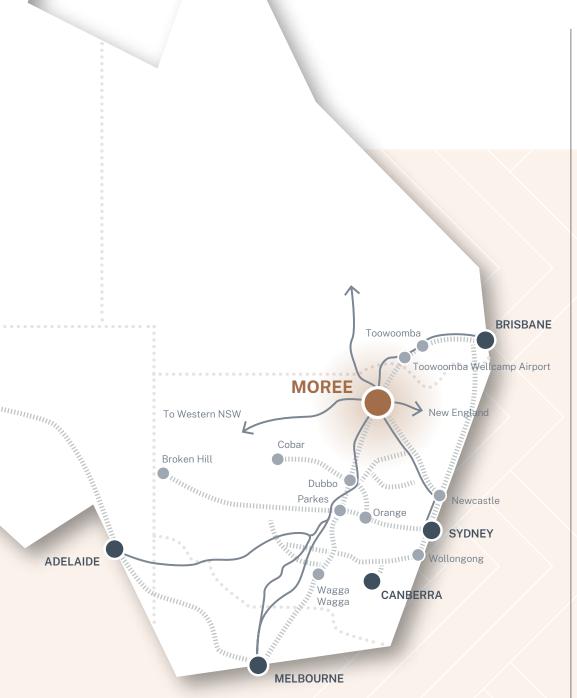
Check to determine whether the controls are triggered. For example, check Chapter 8 – Mapping to determine if your site has mapped biodiversity values or cultural heritage on the land, and whether the land is affected by flooding or bushfire.

Development type ^{2, 3}	Chapter 4 Infrastucture	Chapter 5 Subdivision				Chapter	6 Assessm	ent criteria				Chapter 8 Mapping
				6.1 Regional	Enterprise Zone		6.2		6.3 Precinct-wid	е	6.4 Savings	
			6.1.1 Land uses	6.1.2 Controls that apply to all development	6.1.3 Specific development requirements i.e. rail and intermodal, solar energy farms	6.1.4 Sustainability	Rural Activity Zone	6.3.1 Environment i.e. landscape character and visual impact, heritage, biodiversity, vegetation and riparian corridors, groundwater	6.3.2 Environmental hazards i.e. flood risk management, bushfire protection, managing development on contaminated land	6.3.3 Environmental impact management i.e. potentially hazardous and offensive development, air quality and odour, noise, biosecurity	and transitional provisions	
Change of use	\rightarrow		/	\rightarrow		/						/
Subdivision	~	~		~								/
Development on a small lot (less than 1 hectare) subsequent to and consistent with a subdivision under this delivery plan			~	~		~						<u> </u>
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Development on a large lot (minimum 1 hectare)	~		~	~	~	~		\rightarrow	\rightarrow			~
Development on land identified for rail and intermodal	~		~	~	~	~				\rightarrow		~
Development on land identified as a commercial node	~		~	~		~		\rightarrow	\rightarrow			~
Solar energy farm	/		/	~	~	/		\rightarrow	\rightarrow			
Works to or within the curtilage of a heritage item			\rightarrow	\rightarrow			\rightarrow	~				
Potentially hazardous development	~		/	~	~	~		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	~		~
Development that is a scheduled activity listed in Schedule 1 of the POEO Act	~		~	~	\rightarrow	~				✓		<u> </u>
Development that may involve emissions (i.e. air, odour, noise)	~		/	~	\rightarrow	~		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	✓		/
Demolition, damage or removal of structures or buildings				\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow					
Development in the rural activity zone	~						~	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	~	~
Out of sequence development	/		/	✓	/	/		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		

¹ This table is a guide only. Other parts of this delivery plan may apply than those identified, due to the scale and nature of the development proposal. The Issuing Authority will confirm applicable parts of this delivery plan as part of Step 3 – Pre-lodgement in the Activation Precinct Certification process.

² More than one development type may apply to the development proposal. Where more than one development type applies, all applicable controls will apply.

³ Should a development proposal not be listed, the relevant parts of this delivery plan will be determined by the issuing authority.



1.4 Vision and aspirations for Moree Special Activation Precinct

With national and global connections by road, rail and air, the Moree Special Activation Precinct will support diversification of Moree's proud agricultural economy by building on its strong Connection to Country and sustainable gali-water endowments.

The Special Activation Precinct will foster world class opportunities to value-add, embrace new technologies and develop innovative energy solutions.

The precinct offers investors, businesses and the community:



a world-class sustainable
Precinct that attracts investors,
boosts the region's economy
and improves the quality of life
for the people of the Moree
Plains Shire



lead the implementation of smart technology within the Precinct (including ag-tech revolution)



leverage transport connections, renewable energy, innovation and agricultural expertise for horticulture and diversified agricultural production



partner with Aboriginal stakeholders to increase employment and enterprise development opportunities for Aboriginal people



enable the Precinct to become an innovation hub that encourages commercialisation and research and development



provide a streamlined planning and development process in NSW



establish benchmarks for businesses to achieve environmental management standards aligned with a United Nations Industrial Development Organization ecoindustrial park and a leading circular economy precinct.



The master plan was published by the NSW Government in March 2022. It identifies the vision and principles for the precinct, provides land use provisions and criteria for environmental considerations such as air quality, noise, biodiversity and gali-water management.

The Precincts-Regional SEPP requires a delivery plan is consistent with the master plan.

The investigation area has been assessed by technical experts, ecologists, engineers, stakeholders and urban planners. Ongoing input and feedback from the community, landowners, businesses, and other key stakeholders has also informed the master planning process.

The master plan applies to approximately 4,716 hectares located south of the Moree township and Gwydir Highway, straddling both sides of the Newell Highway and Inland Rail. The Precinct currently benefits from commodity focused intermodals, rail access sidings, Moree Solar Farm, Moree Regional Airport and Gateway Estate, and utilities including gali-water, sewer, NBN, communications and Transgrid Fibre.

The master plan identifies a flexible Regional Enterprise Zone that allows for a wide range of employment and industrial uses, including over the existing industrial area, and providing a streamlined planning process for a wide range of businesses. A Rural Activity Zone that protects the amenity of land located west of the Precinct, and clear separation distances for development within the Precinct ensures that the amenity enjoyed by residents surrounding the Precinct is maintained.

The opportunities enabled within the master plan include:

Leverage rail opportunities	New rail infrastructure and intermodal facilities leveraging from the future Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail alignment and connectivity to Newcastle Port allowing for local production and global consumption.
Building off agriculture	Innovation in agriculture and new cropping opportunities due to Moree's black soil. Work with industry to enhance and grow vertical integration opportunities, innovation, skills and education.
Build from airport expansion	Enable new investments associated with the airport and the integration of air and land activities.
Innovation crafting	Enable the Precinct to become an innovation hub that encourages commercialisation, research and development. Promote early-adopters through incubator or activation spaces. Encourage diversification based on market trends and exploring alternative crops.
Renewable energy	Storage and creation through solar (including thermal solar), bioenergy, gas and hydrogen opportunities and seeking alignment with renewable energy and recycling.
Connecting to Country	Foster partnerships and incorporate opportunities for skills, training and employment opportunities for Aboriginal people to respond to Closing the Gap targets.

Six principles underpin the planning for the precinct and frame the performance criteria within this delivery plan:

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1	(i)	The place	 A sustainable enterprise precinct Protecting the amenity of nearby neighbourhoods Provide for a range of land uses Boost the region's economy
2	(@)	Connection to Country	 Respect the Gamilaroi Culture Partner with Aboriginal stakeholders Appropriately engage with Aboriginal stakeholders
3		Environment and sustainability	 Protect gali-water sources Encourage gali-water reuse and sustainable energy management Strive for carbon and climate neutrality, and the protection of biodiversity Gali-water, bio-energy, waste cycle management Locate future development outside of wugawa-flood prone areas Establish benchmarks for businesses to achieve environmental management standards
4		Social and community infrastructure	 Grow education and training opportunities Enable an innovation hub Increase job prespects and up-skilling
5	(402) (402)	Economy and industry	 Facilitate the streamlined establishment of new and emerging industries Support the establishment of circular economies Attract exemplar businesses with corporate social responsibilities
6	ಿಂ	Infrastructure and	Leverage infrastructure to support horticulture and diversified agricultural production.





connectivity

- diversified agricultural production
- Design efficient transport routes
- Facilitate access to appropriate utilities and services
- Support implementation of smart technology
- Build on and enhance connections to regional centres



Master plan at a glance

- A range of industrial jobs premised on Moree's agricultural base, whilst allowing for higher value processing, movement of freight and green energy production.
- **2.** The Regional Enterprise Zone will allow for a broad range of industrial and employment uses.
- A Rural Activity Zone will act as a buffer between industry and rural land to the west, providing a long-term strategy for reducing land use conflict and prohibiting any new residential uses in this zone.
- 4. The Precinct will provide for 40 years of demand and will be staged over time with initial development leveraging off existing road, rail and utility infrastructure in the north east and central areas.
- 5. A new planning framework will see most development be exempt or complying development, where it meets the requirements of the Precincts-Regional SEPP established under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979, Master Plan and the Delivery Plan.

- The Precincts-Regional SEPP which will apply to the precinct identified in the structure plan will replace the Moree Plains Local Environmental Plan 2011.
- Detailed performance criteria for noise, air quality, odour, gali-water management and protecting biodiversity.
- **8.** Strategies for greening the Precinct revegetation, connecting habitat and greening riparian corridors, roads and private lots.
- **9.** Controls for the protection of sensitive sites and strategies for the interpretation and celebration of Gamilaroi culture and history.
- **10.** New streets, services and infrastructure to support sustainable growth over time.
- 11. Enable around 4,000 jobs by 2060, and generate opportunities for Aboriginal employment and empowerment.
- 12. Protection of Moree Regional Airport.



Moree is the most productive agricultural region in Australia – and now thanks to this new precinct, backed by the State Government, combined with inland rail – Moree will become the economic engine room for northern NSW.

Adam Marshall, Member For Northern Tablelands

1.6 Approval pathways

The Precincts-Regional SEPP proposes to simplify planning and environmental approvals. Any development within a Special Activation Precinct must be consistent with the master plan for the Special Activation Precinct.

Many industrial and employment uses that would require a development application under the current planning framework, are intended to be undertaken as complying development within Special Activation Precincts. Complying development will not be advertised and will not require an Environmental Impacts Statement or Statement of Environmental Effects.

Numerous technical studies, investigations and strategies have informed the performance criteria in the master plan, and design guidelines and assessment criteria in the delivery plan. This has allowed for most development to be complying under the Precincts-Regional SEPP.

1.6.1 Activation Precinct Certificates

Although a streamlined planning process (i.e. complying development pathway) is available, an Activation Precinct certificate will be required from the corporation. The requirement for an Activation Precinct certificate is regulated under the Environmental Planning and Assessment (EP&A) Regulation 2000. and must accompany all development applications or applications for a Complying Development Certificate within a Special Activation Precinct. The Activation Precinct certificate provides an assurance that a proposal is consistent with the relevant land use table, master plan and delivery plan.

The corporation will issue an Activation Precinct certificate if it decides the proposed development is consistent with the master plan and delivery plan.

In the precinct complying development must:

- not be located on land identified as an environmentally sensitive area
- not be located land on which a heritage item or Aboriginal object or place of Aboriginal heritage significance is located
- be consistent with the relevant provisions of the Building Code of Australia
- not be for the purpose of remediation work within the meaning of State Environmental Planning Policy Resilience and Hazards (2021)
- not be carried out in a pipeline corridor
- not be a major hazard facility
- be carried out in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Blue Book
- be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, if applicable
- for the erection of a building, not be carried out within 1 metre of a public sewer without written approval from the authority/asset manager
- not involve the removal of asbestos.

In the case of proposed development involving land use not ordinarily permitted, development consent must be obtained under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning* and Assessment Act 1979.

1.7 Activation Precinct Certification process

The Activation Precinct
Certification process
provides a streamlined
planning pathway for
economic development to
help our regions grow while
providing certainty and
confidence to businesses.

Business concierge

The business concierge will support streamlined and coordinated planning and environmental approvals for investors and businesses.

Through the business concierge, applicants have the option of progressing parallel environmental approvals and licences, and other approvals, licences and permits required for a proposed development.

Applicant-driven process

Potential investors, or applicants play a crucial role in streamlining the development approval process.

The Activation Precinct Certification provides for investors to decide:

- when they will prepare any required technical documentation
- when they will lodge the application for an Activation Precinct certificate
- whether they will seek to process other required approvals and licences in parallel with the Activation Certification Process.

The business concierge offers a coordinated service to investors to undertake additional approval and licence processes in parallel with the Activation Precinct Certification process.

The corporation will engage with other government agencies, regulatory bodies and the council to discuss any additional approval requirements at Step 2–Concept design.

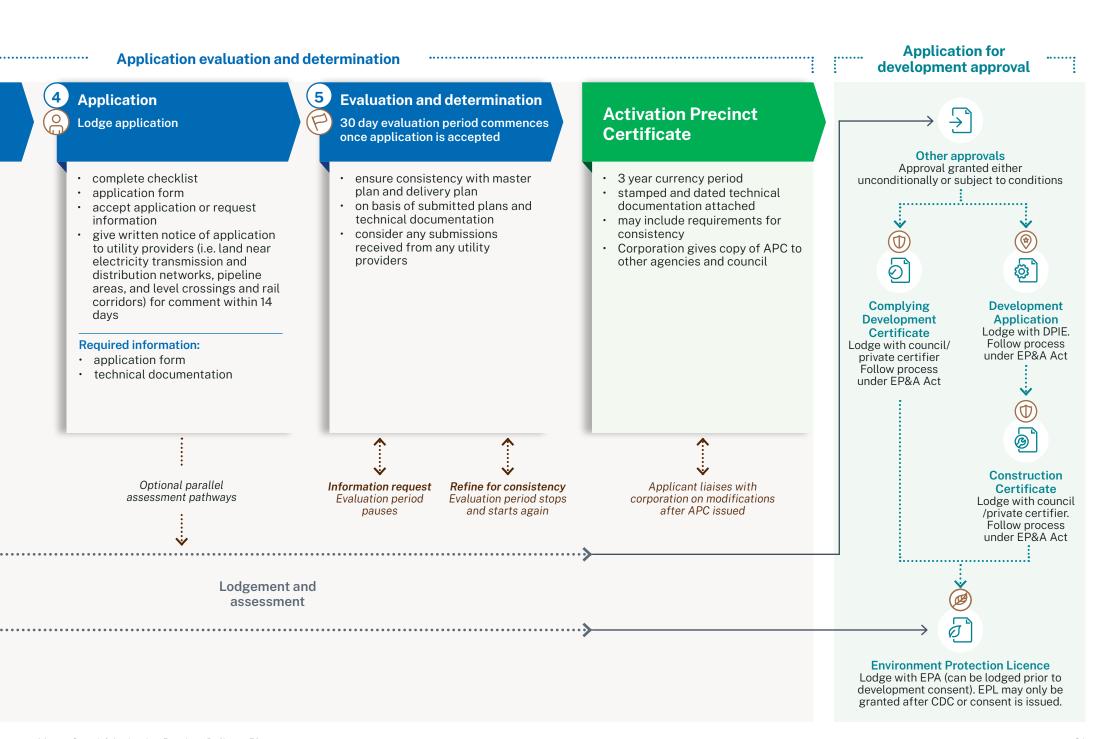
It will be at the investor's discretion when they choose to initiate the other approval and/or licence requirements.

Picking cotton on a farm in Moree Courtesy of Destination NSW



Activation Precinct Certification process

Pre-application evaluation Pre-lodgement Development enquiry Concept design Business concierge One-stop-shop through High level advice on suitability of Advice application requirements, Review and refine technical the business concierge proposal for the SAP including other agency approval documentation requirements how a potential investor, business site location aspects needing further or activity aligns with the precinct consideration design advice goals · key matters to be considered · alternate solutions to performance technical documentation criteria · agencies and council advice on · additional approvals and/or specific matters licences required review and advice on plans and The corporation technical information infrastructure requirements **NSW Environment** · other approval and/or licence Protection Authority (EPA) matters Council/ private Required information: **Required information: Required information:** certifier · concept sketch/plans proposal overview no information required Other approval · site plan, design plans, floor · written statement authority plans, elevations, materials schedule, survey plan etc. Applicant led draft technical documentation Application requirements Other approvals advice and technical documentation advice Proposal not suitable for Special Activation Precinct Other approvals **Pre-application** (i.e. Section 68 under Local Government Act 1993. advice Section 138 under NSW Roads Act 1993) **Environment Protection Licence (EPL)**



Development enquiry

The corporation will provide high level advice on the suitability of the proposal for the precinct, including how the proposal aligns with the precinct goals and advice on the design and development outcomes before the development is conceptualised.

2

Concept design

The corporation will provide advice on what is needed to prepare an application.

The corporation will undertake a concept design evaluation and provide advice on:

- a preferred site if one is not already identified
- any key matters that will need consideration, including design
- advice on alternate solutions to the assessment criteria, where relevant
- technical documentation requirements
- any additional approvals, licences and permits.

The corporation will also coordinate other government agencies, regulatory bodies and council to provide advice on the application requirements for any other approvals and/or licences that may be required.

The concept design step may involve multiple meetings and/or advices.

The information needed for the concept design evaluation includes:

- concept design plans/sketches
- · written statement.

Development Specific Checklist

The corporation will advise on the Activation Precinct Certification Application requirements in accordance with the relevant delivery plan. Through the business concierge the corporation will prepare a Development Specific Checklist which sets out the application requirements and technical documentation needed for the proposed development, to support the lodgement of an application for an Activation Precinct certificate.



Pre-lodgement

A pre-lodgement allows applicants to discuss their proposal with the corporation in more detail. A pre-lodgement provides the opportunity for a pre-evaluation to identify where changes may be required to ensure consistency with the master plan and delivery plan.

Pre-lodgement is to promote decision-ready applications to support a streamlined planning pathway for development consistent with the master plan and delivery plan.

It gives all parties (i.e. the corporation, applicant and other government agencies, regulatory bodies and council) the opportunity to:

- identify design, planning or operational aspects of proposals which may need further consideration or amendment
- discuss any alternate solutions to meet the performance criteria provisions
- review draft technical documentation that will be required for the formal lodgement of an application in accordance with the Development Specific Checklist
- work through any specific issues (i.e. biodiversity, flooding, stormwater constraints etc.)
- work through issues and application requirements for relevant approvals and licences.

More than one pre-lodgement may be required, and pre-lodgements may be in the form of meetings and/or written advice.

4

Application

The supporting information needed for a pre-lodgement generally includes:

- proposal overview
- site plan, floor plans, elevations and sections, materials schedule, survey plan
- draft technical documentation that will be required as part of the application in accordance with the Development Specific Checklist.

The corporation will confirm an application has been made in the approved form (against the Development Specific Checklist).

If an applicant takes a parallel approval pathway, the relevant application forms, technical documentation and fee can be progressed at the same time as their application for the Activation Precinct certificate.

Evaluation and determination

An Activation Precinct certificate will be issued for development that is consistent with the master plan and delivery plan.

In most instances, the corporation will be responsible for issuing the Activation Precinct certificate unless they are the applicant, in which case the Planning Secretary will be the issuing authority.

The issuing authority will determine whether a development is consistent with the master plan and delivery plan based on the submitted *technical documentation*.

If the development is consistent with the master plan and delivery plan, the issuing authority will issue an Activation Precinct certificate, which will provide that:

- the proposed development is consistent with the master plan and delivery plan
- the determination is based on the attached stamped and dated technical documentation (referred to as Activation Precinct certificate material)
- any requirements that must be addressed prior to an application being made for a Complying Development certificate (i.e. the submission of an environmental management plan with the corporation).

If the issuing authority is of the opinion that the development is not consistent with the master plan and delivery plan for the land, the applicant will be given an opportunity to modify the application to ensure that it is consistent.

An Activation Precinct certificate is valid for three years.

Once a Certificate has been issued, relevant approvals must still be obtained. The pathways for consent to be granted are:



Complying Development under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 through the issuing of a Complying Development Certificate (from the relevant council or an accredited certifier)



Development Application or State Significant Development application under Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Complying Development

In most instances a Complying
Development Certificate (Building
Approval) will be required for
development within a Special Activation
Precinct and can be issued by either the
local council or an accredited certifier.

The council or accredited certifier will evaluate and determine an application for a Complying Development Certificate in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. Section 4.28 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* requires the council or registered certifier to consider and determine:

- whether or not the proposed development is complying development
- whether or not the proposed development complies with the relevant development standards.

A local environmental plan does not apply to land within a Special Activation Precinct.

The issuing authority will evaluate the application against the delivery plan development standards and issue an Activation Precinct certificate if the proposed development is consistent with the master plan and delivery plan.

The consent authority or the council / registered certifier will need to ensure that the proposed development the subject of an Activation Precinct certificate is substantially the same as the proposed development the subject of the application for development consent or an application for a Complying Development Certificate.

Development consent must be obtained under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* where a proposed development that involves a permitted land use does not meet the criteria to be complying development under the Precincts-Regional SEPP.

Aerial of Moree



Timeframes

The 30-day evaluation period commences only when an application for an Activation Precinct certificate is taken to be made in the form approved by the corporation and satisfies the requirements under clause 11(3) of the Precincts-Regional SEPP.

Neither the day on which the application for an Activation Precinct certificate is lodged nor the following day are to be taken into consideration in calculating the number of days in the evaluation period.

The corporation may request more information. The evaluation period excludes any period between a request for additional information and the applicant's response to the information request.

Modifications to proposals

There may be circumstances when an applicant wishes to:

- make changes to their development proposal (i.e. design changes) either:
 - during the Activation Precinct Certification evaluation and determination step
 - between receiving an Activation Precinct certificate and making an application for a Complying Development Certificate and
 - during the complying development approval process or
- seek written confirmation from the issuing authority that the development proposal the subject of an application for a Complying Development Certificate is substantially the same as the development the subject of the Activation Precinct certificate that applies to the land.

For modifications made after an Activation Precinct certificate is issued, the applicant will need to give written notice to the issuing authority seeking the issuing authority's confirmation that the development, as amended or modified, is substantially the same as the development proposal the subject of the Activation Precinct Certificate. An updated or new Activation Precinct Certificate would not be issued.

A new application for an Activation Precinct certificate will be required for a modified development proposal that the corporation considers to not be substantially the same as the development proposal the subject of the current Activation Precinct certificate.

Updated or changed Activation Precinct certificate

There may be circumstances where an applicant seeks an updated or changed Activation Precinct certificate after the issuing authority has issued it, to:

- correct a minor error, an incorrect description or miscalculation within the Activation Precinct certificate
- seek modifications to any requirements included as part of the Activation Precinct certificate
- modify the Activation Precinct certificate to reflect any amended or modified design changes to the development proposal, provided the development is substantially the same.

Any changes to the Activation Precinct certificate should be sought prior to the applicant making an application for a Complying Development Certificate.

In the instance where the applicant seeks changes to be made to an Activation Precinct certificate during the complying development approval process and a changed Activation Precinct certificate is issued, a new application for a Complying Development Certificate would need to be made with the changed Activation Precinct certificate.

Environment Protection Licence

Environment Protection Licences (EPLs) are required for some development or activities. These are issued by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

As part of the business concierge service, the corporation will coordinate and engage with the EPA during the Activation Precinct Certification process. This will ensure that a proposed development is designed and planned for consistency with the master plan and delivery plan and to also satisfy the requirements for an EPL.

The corporation will engage with the EPA on whether an EPL will be required during Step 2 – Concept design. If an EPL is required, advice from the EPA will be sought on the:

- requirements for the proposed development under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
- the application requirements for making an application for an EPL.

The corporation will engage with the EPA on the pre-evaluation of the proposed development and draft technical documentation during Step 3–Pre-lodgement. The corporation will coordinate and engage with the EPA to resolve any issues upfront to promote a decision ready application for an EPL.

Once the development proposal and technical documentation are considered to be decision-ready, the applicant will be able apply for the EPL at the same time as an Activation Precinct certificate.

Where possible, the EPA will assess the licence application in parallel with the corporation's evaluation of the application for an Activation Precinct certificate. The EPA cannot issue a licence until development consent is obtained.

Section 68 approvals

Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993 specifies a range of activities where approvals are required from the local council, known as 'Section 68 approvals'. Section 68 approvals are generally required where an activity is carried out on council land, assets or requires connection into local council infrastructure. Categories of activities relate to:

- temporary structures and places of public entertainment
- gali-water supply, sewerage and stormwater work
- management of waste
- community land
- other activities.

Section 68 approvals cannot be applied for as part of the application to the council for a Complying Development Certificate.

As part of the Activation Precinct Certification process the corporation will engage with the local council to provide advice on approval requirements during Step 2 – Concept design.

The applicant will be able to make an application for a Section 68 approval when they make the application for an Activation Precinct certificate.

Section 138 approvals

Section 138 of the NSW Roads Act 1993 requires that all activities undertaken within the local council's road reserve (or other roads authority) be approved by the roads authority prior to the activities being undertaken.

As part of the Activation Precinct Certification process the corporation will engage with the relevant roads authority to provide advice on approval requirements during Step 2 - Concept design.

The applicant will be able to make an application for a Section 138 approval when they make an application for an Activation Precinct certificate.

Potentially hazardous and offensive development

For developments that are a potentially hazardous or a potentially offensive industry, through the business concierge the corporation will engage with the Department of Planning and Environment early as part of Step 2–Concept design or Step 3–Pre-lodgement to identify whether the potentially hazardous industry or potentiality offensive industry is low, medium or high risk, and confirm whether the proposed development will be complying development or require a development application.

For complying development involving potentially hazardous or offensive industry where the corporation is the issuing authority, the corporation will seek the approval of the Planning Secretary to issue an Activation Precinct certificate during Step 5 – Evaluation and determination.

Other referrals and concurrences

The corporation will work with applicants to identify upfront any requirements for referrals or concurrences as part of the Development Specific Checklist.

Additional information may need to be provided to meet the requirements of other referrals or concurrences during the Activation Precinct Certification process.

The corporation will engage with other government agencies, regulatory bodies and the council to streamline these processes, including identifying any other referral and concurrence requirements during Step 2 – Concept design.

Cotton warehouse in Moree



1.8 Proposal documentation requirements

All applications for an Activation Precinct certificate should adequately address the master plan and delivery plan requirements. Proposals should include the following information to demonstrate consistency with the master plan and delivery plan:

What supporting documents will I need for my application?⁴

 ✓ Required → May be required Type^{5, 6} 	Change of use	Subdivision	Development on a small lot (less than 1 hectare) subsequent to and consistent with a subdivision under this Delivery Plan	Development on a small lot (less than 1 hectare)	Development on a large lot (minimum 1 hectare)	Development on land identified as a Commercial Node	Rail and intermodal development	Solar energy farm	Works to or within the curtilage of a heritage item	Potentially hazardous development	Development that is a scheduled activity listed in Schedule 1 of the POEO Act	Development that may involve emissions (i.e. air, odour, noise)	Demolition, damage or removal of structures or buildings	Development in the Rural Activity Zone	Out of sequence development
Application form	/	/	/	/	/	~	/	/	~	/	/	/	/	✓	✓
Development Specific Checklist	/	/	~	/	/	/	/	/	✓	/	/	/	/	/	/
Architectural plans															
Elevations and sections	/		~	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/		/	/
Floor plans	/		~	/	/	~	/		✓	/	\	/		/	/
Landscape plan	\rightarrow	/	~	/	/	/	/	/	\rightarrow	/	/	/		/	/
Photo montage			\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow			\rightarrow						
Proposed subdivision plan		/													
Schedule of colours, materials and finishes	✓		~	✓	✓	/	✓	~	✓	✓	✓	/		/	/
Shadow diagrams			\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow									
Site plans	/		~	✓	/	/	✓	/	✓	✓	/	/	/	/	/
Survey plan	\rightarrow	/	~	/	/	/	/	✓	✓	~	/	/	✓	✓	/
Any other plans that demonstrate how the proposal addresses the assessment criteria	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow

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General			,		1			1	,	1					
 Cost estimate report for development with a value of: \$0-\$150,000: prepared by the applicant or a suitably qualified person greater than \$150,000 - \$3 million: prepared by suitably qualified person greater than \$3 million: detailed cost report prepared by a registered quantity surveyor 	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Owner's consent	/	/	~	/	/	\	/	/	/	/	✓	/	/	/	/
Party wall consent	\rightarrow		\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Plan of management										/	~	/			/
Political donations and gifts disclosure statement	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Statement of consistency	/	/	~	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	✓	/	/	/	/
6.1.2 Controls that apply to all development															
Erosion and sediment control plan	\rightarrow	/	~	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
 Geotechnical report where development: has potential to adversely affect surrounding properties during excavation or construction of subsurface structures involves excavation of a certain volume, within proximity to a property boundary or depth below ground level are located on land with certain site constraints (i.e. steep slopes) 	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Maintenance plan for stormwater treatment	\rightarrow	/	~	/	/	/	/	/	\rightarrow	/	\	/			/

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Proposed potable gali-water and non-potable gali-water demand and percentage to be delivered via onsite gali-water systems	\rightarrow		~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~			~
Proposed sewer outflow requirements	/		✓	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/			✓
Stormwater drainage plan	\rightarrow	/	~	/	/	/	/	/		/	/	/			✓
Structural engineers report													/		
Traffic and parking study	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow			\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	✓
Traffic impact assessment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow			\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	/
Voluntary planning agreement															/
Waste management plan	/		~	/	/	/	✓	✓	/	/	/	/	/	/	\
Gali-Water pollution impact assessment	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow
6.1.4 Sustainability															
Confirmation of proposed building rating/certification (e.g. Green Star), if applicable	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow			\rightarrow
Proposed electricity demand and consumption and percentage proposed to be delivered via renewables (onsite and offsite)	✓		~	✓	~	~	~	/	\rightarrow	~	~	~			\rightarrow
Proposed gas demand and percentage to be delivered via hydrogen, if applicable	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow			\rightarrow
Identification of resource flows	/		~	/	/	/	/	/	\rightarrow	/	✓	/			~
Statement demonstrating alignment with the UNIDO Eco- Industrial Park Framework	/		~	~	~	~	~	~	\rightarrow	~	~	~			/

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6.3.1 Environment															
Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment		\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Arborists report		\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Biodiversity impact statement		\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Biodiversity assessment report		\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Groundwater management plan	\rightarrow				\rightarrow					\rightarrow	\rightarrow			\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Heritage impact statement	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	/	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Hydrogeological report		\rightarrow			\rightarrow					\rightarrow	\rightarrow			\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Species impact statement		\rightarrow			\rightarrow			\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow
6.3.2 Environmental hazards															
Bushfire safety authority														\rightarrow	
Bushfire hazard assessment		\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Certificate confirming development conforms to relevant bushfire specifications and requirements	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Contamination/remediation action plan	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	
Fire safety upgrade report	/		~	/	/	/	/	/	/	\	\	/		/	✓
Flood risk management report	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Site based flood emergency response plan	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow		\rightarrow	\rightarrow

 ✓ Required → May be required Type^{5,6} 	Change of use	Subdivision	Development on a small lot (less than 1 hectare) subsequent to and consistent with a subdivision under this Delivery Plan	Development on a small lot (less than 1 hectare)	Development on a large lot (minimum 1 hectare)	Development on land identified as a Commercial Node	Rail and intermodal development	Solar energy farm	Works to or within the curtilage of a heritage item	Potentially hazardous development	Development that is a scheduled activity listed in Schedule 1 of the POEO Act	Development that may involve emissions (i.e. air, odour, noise)	Demolition, damage or removal of structures or buildings	Development in the Rural Activity Zone	Out of sequence development
6.3.3 Environmental impact management															
Air quality impact assessment											\rightarrow	/			
Emergency disposal and biosecurity protocol											\rightarrow			\rightarrow	
Odour impact assessment											\rightarrow	/			
Odour impact statement											\rightarrow	/			
Noise impact statement											\rightarrow	/			
Noise impact assessment											\rightarrow	/			
Preliminary hazard analysis										/					

⁴ This table is a guide only and should be read together with Chapter 6. The issuing authority will prepare a Development Specific Checklist for each development proposal which will set out the specific documentation requirements.

⁵ More than one development type may apply to the development proposal. Where more than one development type applies, all applicable documentation requirements may apply.

⁶ Should a development proposal not be listed, the relevant documentation requirements will be determined by the issuing authority at the pre-lodgement stage.

Environmental management plans

Where the issuing authority requires, a site-based environmental management plan may need to be prepared by a suitably qualified person in consultation with relevant government agencies to ensure that appropriate environmental management practices are followed during a project's construction and operation. The site-based environmental management plan should identify the environmental impacts, and management activities and controls related to managing and minimising environmental issues, including how the environmental management activities and controls will be monitored and reviewed.

Depending on the nature, scale and/or location of the development proposal, environmental issues may relate to:

- flora and fauna
- rehabilitation
- · noise emissions
- air quality and odour emissions
- energy efficiency and energy consumption
- gali-water consumption
- stormwater management
- erosion and sedimentation
- wugawa-flood emergency response plan
- traffic, parking and access
- · waste management
- Aboriginal cultural heritage
- historic heritage
- site security
- emergency disposal and biosecurity protocol
- accessibility and inclusion (universal design principles)
- any other matters as may be required by the master plan or delivery plan.

Where necessary a site-based environmental management plan may be required to be provided to the corporation before an application for a complying development certificate is submitted. Where a development requires a development application, the site-based environmental management plan will become a condition of consent.

The requirements for the site-based environmental management plan will vary depending on the nature and scale of the proposed development.

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Mehi River



1.9 Proposal referrals and concurrences

Proposed development may be referred to other government agencies, regulatory bodies and the council as part of the Activation Precinct Certification. The following referrals and concurrences may be required and should be consulted with early in the Activation Precinct Certification process prior to making an application for an Activation Precinct certificate:

Does the application include any aspects that need to be referred or consulted on?

If any of the following matters are relevant to the application, the application will require referral or consultation with the respective Authority.

Development	Consult with	Separate licence or approval may be required ^{7,8}	Written confirmation required	Authority
Specific development				
Hydrogen development, or other renewable energy development where required	~	~	~	Safe Work NSW, Fire and Rescue NSW, the Department of Planning and Environment – Industry Assessments, and the EPA
Demolition	✓	~		Safe Work NSW
Access				
Vehicular access	~	~		Roads Authority under section 138 of the Roads Act 1993
Transport infrastructure and utilities				
Development on land that interfaces with or adjoins an existing or future transport asset	~	/	~	Roads Authority or Rail Authority
Development requiring rail access	~	~	~	Rail infrastructure provider
Connections to utilities and services including: • gali-water • wastewater • electrical • telecommunications and • other utilities and services as required such as gas, hydrogen reticulation (including future hydrogen), recycled gali-water etc	\	\		Relevant utility suppliers: electricity supply – Essential Energy gali-water supply – Moree Plains Shire Council wastewater – Moree Plains Shire Council Note: May require an EPA referral
Development with trade waste	✓	✓		Council or the Department of Planning and Environment
Development within 20 metres of a pipeline corridor	✓	✓	✓	Pipeline Operator
Development near electricity transmission and distribution networks	~	~	~	Electricity Supply Authority
Signage within 250 metres of a classified road	✓	✓	✓	Roads Authority

Development	Consult with	Separate licence or approval may be required ^{7,8}	Written confirmation required	Authority
Heritage				
Development cannot avoid impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage	~	~	~	Heritage NSW
Works proposed to be carried out on or within the curtilage of an item listed on the State Heritage Register	~	~	~	Heritage NSW
Carrying out works on a local heritage item	~	~	~	Council
Biodiversity, vegetation and riparian corridors				
Clearing native vegetation not approved under biodiversity certification	~	/	~	Department of Planning and Environment – under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
Reduced setbacks to riparian corridors	~	~	~	NSW Water
Groundwater				
Development within 750 metres of an existing registered bore for stock, domestic, irrigation and/or gali-water supply use	~	/	~	NSW Water
Bushfire protection				
Development of bushfire prone land for a special fire protection purpose	~	/		Bushfire safety authority will be required in accordance with section 100B of the <i>Rural Fires Act 1997</i>
Environmental impact management				
Potentially Hazardous and Offensive Development	~	~	~	Department of Planning and Environment
Development that is a scheduled activity under the POEO Act	~	~		Environment Protection Authority
Intensive agriculture, waste disposal or resource management facilities and any other development that may impact on biosecurity	~	~	~	Department of Primary Industries

Generally, it will be at the applicant's discretion when they choose to initiate the other approval and/or licence requirements.

Where possible, other approvals and licences may be able to be assessed in parallel with the corporation's evaluation of the application for an Activation Precinct certificate. However, there may be limitations on when an approval or licence may be able to be determined and issued. For instance, the EPA cannot issue a licence until development consent is obtained.

In some instances, an approval may also need to be obtained prior to the determination of an application for an Activation precinct certificate. For example, the Planning Secretary must provide approval to the corporation to be able to issue an Activation Precinct certificate for potentially hazardous or offensive industry.

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⁷ The relevant authority will provide advice as part of consultation early in the Activation Precinct Certification process on whether an approval will be required.

⁸ Advice will be provided as part of consultation with relevant authorities on whether any other approvals and/or licences will need to be obtained.