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## INFORMATION SHEET

### Rezoning Changes handing powers back to Councils

As part of the State Government's push to hand back planning powers to the local community, the Government is seeking feedback on changes to the plan making process which will:

- Increase local government involvement in the process by allowing councils to have the final approval role for some local environmental plans (LEPs), and
- Allow independent reviews of decisions at key stages of the plan making process

The delegation of some approval functions would allow local government and their communities to have a greater control over local decisions.

The review mechanisms would enable independent reviews of local and departmental planning decisions.

HIA will be preparing a submission for the 4 May 2012 deadline.

Further information can be obtained from  
[www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Development/Onexhibition](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Development/Onexhibition)

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