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INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING – RELEASE OF UPDATED MANUAL AND GUIDELINES

Purpose

To inform councils of the publication of the revised Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Manual and Guidelines.

Issue

- In 2009, the Division released the *Planning a Sustainable Future - Integrated Planning and Reporting Manual and Guidelines*. The Manual provided councils with information to assist IP&R implementation. The Guidelines outlined the mandatory requirements of IP&R under the Local Government Act.
- The Division recently updated these documents to reflect the fact that all NSW councils should now be working within the IP&R framework. Key changes include:
 - The Manual now includes examples of better practice in IP&R and a 'Top Tips' section
 - Improvements have been made to the Workforce Planning section
 - The relationship between the IP&R framework and strategic land use planning and external plans (eg *NSW 2021*) has been clarified within the Manual.
- It is important to note that the IP&R legislation has not changed since 2009 and therefore the documents do not feature any new legislative requirements.
- The revised Manual and Guidelines, and the 'Top Tips' can be located on the Division of Local Government's website at:

http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlg/dlghome/dlg_IntegratedPlanningIndex.asp?sectionid=1&mi=20&ml=9&AreaIndex=IntPlanRept&index=1201

Action

General Managers are requested to notify councillors and staff of the release of the revised Integrated Planning and Reporting Manual and Guidelines.



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