



Local Planning Schemes and Scheme Amendments

What is a Local Planning Scheme?

Every local government in Western Australia has a local planning scheme to govern the use, development and protection of its land, supported by current and future needs.

The City of Fremantle's Local Planning Scheme covers land in the Fremantle local government area. It classifies land into zones and provides provisions that affect how land can be used and developed.

The City's planning scheme has different zonings that cover a diverse range of land uses within each area. For example, Wray Avenue and South Street in Hilton are zoned as local centres while O'Connor is largely zoned for industrial uses. Many suburbs in the City Fremantle are zoned for residential use while other places like Queen Victoria Street and South Terrace are zoned for mixed uses.

What is a Scheme Amendment?

From time to time it is necessary to make changes to the local planning scheme in order to bring it in line with strategic objectives, new state government legislation and policies, or the communities changing needs. This is called a scheme amendment and allows the City to improve the function of the scheme and respond to changes in particular areas.

Changes or updates to the planning scheme can include:

- A change to the way land can be used, such as changing land from a business zone to a residential zone. This is called rezoning.
- A change to provisions in the scheme that control how land can be developed, such as the height of a building or where a building can be located.

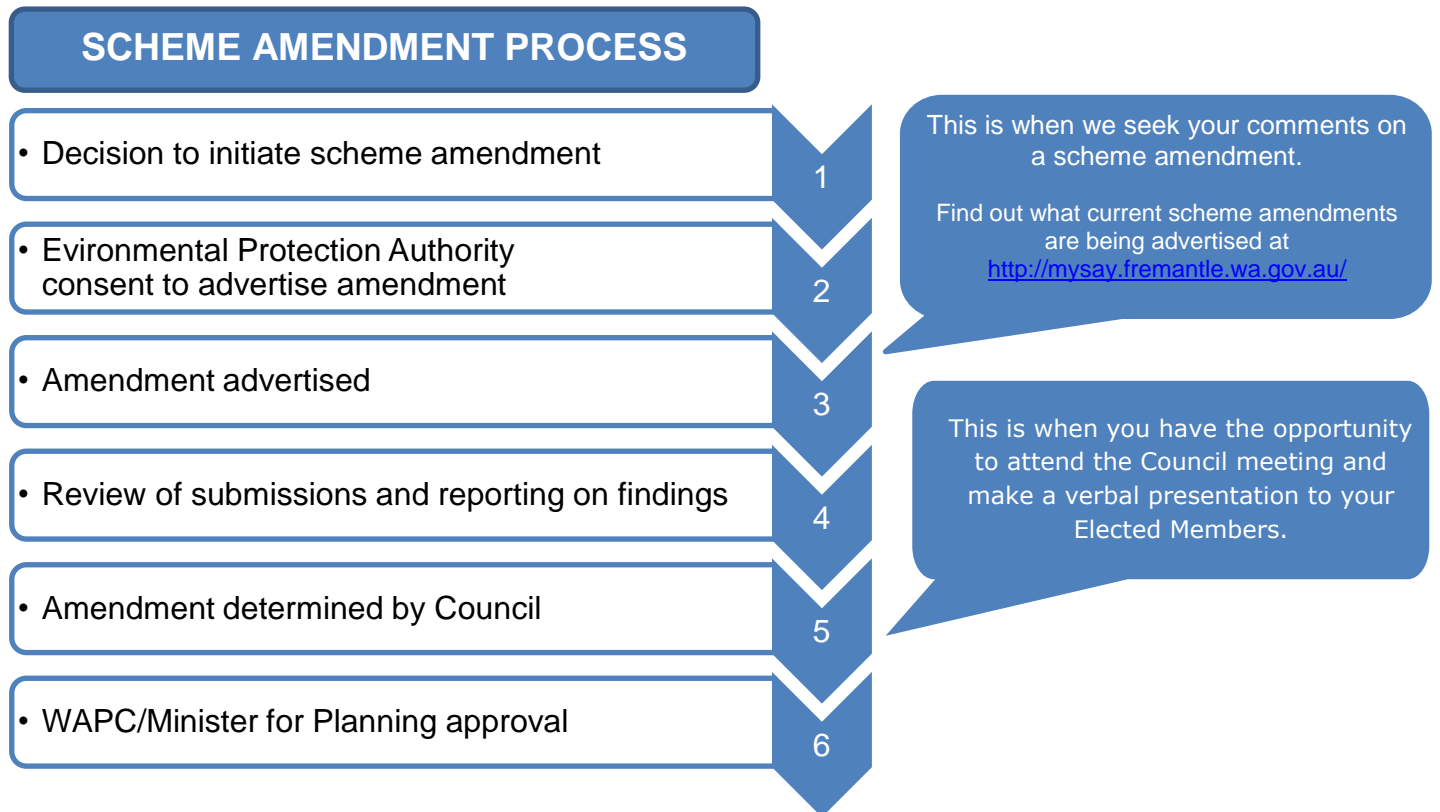
Who can initiate a Scheme Amendment?

Council regularly initiates planning scheme amendments sometimes upon request of landowners or the Minister for Planning however any person can request an amendment. Anyone considering applying for an amendment is encouraged to contact the City's Strategic Planning Team prior to commencing.

How are changes made to the local planning scheme?

Community consultation is an essential part of the process for any proposed amendments to the City's Local Planning Scheme, giving you the opportunity to raise issues. There is a detailed process for this, which requires the Western Australian Planning Commission and the Minister for Planning to consider both the submissions and the amendment before the final decision is made.

You can see the steps involved in the consultation process for planning scheme amendments in the process below.



What happens to my feedback?

All submissions are collated and used to inform the City's decision-making process for amending the local planning scheme. We encourage everyone to contribute feedback as diverse stakeholder views strengthen the scheme amendment process and improve the quality of our decisions.



Still have questions?

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