

FAQs

Public Exhibition – Draft Amendment to Penrith Development Control Plan (DCP) 2014 Chapter D5 – Section 5.2 Child Care Centres and Minor Housekeeping Amendments

What is a Development Control Plan (DCP)?

A DCP provides more detailed planning and design guidance, to support the controls stipulated in a Local Environmental Plan (LEP).

For example, they include a finer detail of controls for residential developments such as set backs, building materials or landscaping areas. These controls are assessed as part of development applications (DAs).

Why is Council amending Penrith DCP 2014 Section 5.2 Child Care Centres?

The current Section 5.2 Child Care Centres includes limited and generic controls for child care centres across all land use zones. This is creating challenges in guidance for the preparation of proposals and Council assessments.

In addition, Council is experiencing immediate challenges in the assessment of Child Care Centre DAs and costly defence of appeals within the NSW Land and Environment Court (LEC).

What is the amendment to Penrith DCP 2014 Chapter 5.2 Child Care Centres trying to achieve?

It aims to:

- Better support future child care centre proposals with more and clearer controls
- Deliver developments best suited to their settings and surroundings
- Improve clarity in Council's assessment process
- Reduce the number and cost of child care centre decision appeals before the NSW LEC.

What does an amendment mean for child care centre proposals recently approved, currently undergoing Council assessment, or before the LEC?

These proposals are or have been assessed against the controls in the current Chapter 5.2 Child Care Centres in Penrith DCP 2014. There will be no impact to these proposals.

Any future proposals that are submitted to Council, on and after the date an endorsed amendment to Chapter 5.2 Child Care Centres takes effect, will be affected.

What are the minor housekeeping amendments?

There are minor errors in Penrith DCP 2014 Chapters E7 Glenmore Park Stage 3 and E17 Orchard Hills North, which are impacting the assessment of DAs under consideration.

The minor housekeeping amendments are:

- Chapter E7 Part C Glenmore Park Stage 3: Updated reference to water management strategy.
- Chapter E17 Orchard Hills North: Correcting a duplicated side setback control and providing greater clarity on first floor side setback controls for certain dwelling types within the chapter.