

1 Purpose

This planning bulletin outlines two planning guidelines: *Procedure for the Closure of Pedestrian Access Ways* and *Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Pedestrian Access Ways* recently endorsed by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC).

The guidelines have been prepared with the Office of Crime Prevention and are based on the recommendations of the State Government Interagency Working Group which was established in 2005 to address a variety of concerns relating to pedestrian access ways. The Working Group comprised representatives from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, Western Australian Local Government Association, Department of Housing and Works and local government.

This bulletin supersedes *Planning Bulletin 57 Closure of Pedestrian Access Ways - Planning Considerations* (May 2003) and *Planning Bulletin 57/2009 Draft planning guidelines for pedestrian access ways* (April 2009).

2 Background

In April 2009, the draft planning guidelines were released for public comment for a two month period concluding on 12 June 2009. There were 12 submissions received from metropolitan local governments. The majority of submissions supported the introduction of the new guidelines and several submissions recommended amendments to improve the guidelines.

Following careful consideration of all of the issues raised in the submissions, the WAPC resolved to adopt the two planning guidelines *Procedure for the Closure of Pedestrian Access Ways* and *Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Pedestrian Access Ways* in September 2009, subject to minor modifications.

3 Content of the new guidelines

Procedure for the Closure of Pedestrian Access Ways sets out a new procedure for the closure of pedestrian access ways, as follows:

- A new, simplified procedure for dealing with the closure of pedestrian access ways, based upon section 87 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* rather than the subdivision provisions of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*.
- The closure procedure establishes a clear, timely and transparent decision-making process for the closure or retention of pedestrian access ways.
- The closure procedure is based on the concept of a pedestrian and cycle access plan and a suggested methodology for the preparation of a pedestrian and cycle access plan is provided in appendix 1.
- Temporary pedestrian access ways closures are provided to address serious emergent problems.

Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Pedestrian Access Ways has been prepared as a supplement to the *Designing Out Crime Planning Guidelines* set out in the WAPC's *Planning Bulletin 79 Designing Out Crime*. In particular, it enhances the material contained in "section 5.18 pedestrian routes, laneways, alleyways and access ways" of the guidelines by outlining an approach for developing and refining designing out crime best practice to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in pedestrian access ways.

The guidelines contain: -

- A situational crime prevention assessment for pedestrian access ways to assist in the crime risk assessment and management process.
- A suite of designing out crime strategies to assist local governments to address crime and anti-social behaviour in pedestrian access ways.

4 Further information

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