

**Summary of changes from interim plan of management guideline (July 2018) to final guideline (December 2018)**

The final guidelines contain some key changes based on consultation undertaken by Office of Local Government and Department of Industry – Land and Water during the August/September 2018 plans of management training process, as summarised below:

<p><b>General changes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification of terminology (eg: which Minister is being referenced in processes, streamlining of legislation/agency references).</li> <li>• The guideline now covers both initial (first) POMs and subsequent/further POMs (the interim guide focussed mainly on first POMs).</li> <li>• Further details about public hearing requirements (<b>section 3.9</b>) and Native title (<b>section 4</b>) included in response to council requests.</li> <li>• <b>New section 5</b> - which reiterates the key points regarding initial categorisation in the POM development process (as covered in the 2018 POM training sessions delivered by OLG and DOI – Land and Water).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key process change</b></p>	<p><b>Section 6 - the POM adoption process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The POM adoption and approval process has been streamlined from a three-stream process (interim guideline) to a two-stream process (final guideline). Consequently, interim guideline forms B and C have been combined into one new form (<i>Alteration of categorisation or additional/new categorisation - form B</i>).</li> <li>• Under the new process, the key consideration for a council when submitting a draft POM to DOI for approval is whether the draft POM will change the initial assigned category or add another category (or categories).             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>If no</b> – council uses form A (land owner notification only)</li> <li>○ <b>If yes</b> – council uses form B (alteration of categorisation or additional/new categorisation). DOI will then determine whether or not the proposed category change/additional category will also require an additional purpose to be added to the Reserve, and therefore Ministerial consent.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The new approach requires council to submit all necessary information up front for any POM which changes or adds a category (including addressing material harm considerations). DOI will then assess the submitted information and automatically treat it as a Ministerial Consent application, if it is required.</li> <li>• It is acknowledged that the new approach will require councils to provide more information up-front in some circumstances. However, Ministerial Consent will be required in the majority of cases where a POM changes or adds a category. The new approach acts to streamline the approval process in cases where a council is unsure whether Ministerial Consent is required. Under the interim guideline approach, DOI would likely have referred such draft POMs back to councils with a direction to submit a Ministerial Consent application providing further information, therefore adding a step to the approval process.</li> </ul>