1. The Federal Government’s National Building – Economic Stimulus Program (NBESP) aims to generate employment through a number of components including accelerated schools and social housing infrastructure programs.
2. Queensland’s land use planning and development framework has in-built mechanisms to facilitate development on school land, primarily through the community infrastructure designation process. For those school sites not designated, including most non-state schools, normal processes under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* apply.
3. The requirements of the NBESP funding are such that an accelerated and extensive delivery program that includes all schools in Queensland, state and non-state, is required. To facilitate this intensive delivery program, the development framework can be adjusted, specifically for the NBESP, to put all development on an equal footing and fast-track the development process in these circumstances.
4. Project delivery will be facilitated by removing any formal requirement for assessment against the local planning scheme where that might have been necessary. To avoid confusion and ensure consistency, all projects will be treated equally in this regard by amending the *Integrated Planning Regulation 1998* to make all development under the Building the Education Revolution exempt from assessment against the local government planning scheme. To ensure broader planning outcomes are still achieved and community considerations are not obviated in the process, projects will still need to meet a number of key strategic criteria, set out in the regulation.
5. The proposed amendment will ensure Queensland can meet administrative timeframes imposed by the Commonwealth Government and facilitate project expenditure in the required time frames, while ensuring the proposed new development is broadly consistent with both local community expectations and State interests.
6. Cabinet endorsed that the *Integrated Planning Regulation Amendment (No. 1) 2009* be recommended to Governor in Council for approval.
7. Cabinet noted that the *Integrated Planning Regulation Amendment (No.1) 2009* would be laid before the Legislative Assembly within 14 sitting days after the publication in the Government Gazette.
8. Cabinet noted that Ministers whose Departments may receive development applications related to NBESP school projects will ensure that their assessments will be prioritised and expedited.
9. Cabinet noted that the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning will request the Department of Public Works and the Block Grant Authorities to notify relevant local governments of projects as funding for each is approved.
10. Attachments for release
* [*Integrated Planning Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2009*](Attachments/Integrated%20Planning%20Reg.pdf)