

# Making or changing planning rules

The planning system in Victoria is managed by the State Government and is the responsibility of the Minister for Planning. The State Government maintains the Planning Scheme – or the ‘planning rulebook’ that controls how land can be used and developed. Councils can propose changes to the planning rules, which must be approved by the Minister. This is called a ‘Planning Scheme Amendment’.



**The Planning Scheme Amendment process (from step 3 to step 7) usually takes between 6 and 12 months, but sometimes longer.** In some circumstances changes to the planning rules are considered urgent. In this case Council can ask the Minister to apply 'Interim' planning rules while Council undertakes the full process. The Minister decides whether to grant interim rules and for how long. To learn more visit [bayside.vic.gov.au/services/planning-and-building](https://bayside.vic.gov.au/services/planning-and-building)