

## Fact Sheet 20: Superseded Planning Scheme Requests

Noosa Plan 2020 – As amended 20 March 2026

### What is a Superseded Planning Scheme Request?

Under the *Planning Act 2016*, applicants may request that a development application be assessed under the version of the planning scheme that applied immediately before the current scheme. This is referred to as a **Superseded Planning Scheme Request** and may be made for up to 12 months after the new scheme takes effect. In this context:

- **Current Scheme:** Noosa Plan 2020 – Amendment 3 (20 March 2026);
- **Superseded Schemes:**
  - Noosa Plan 2020 – Amendment 1 (25 September 2020)
  - Noosa Plan 2020 – Amendment 2 (26 September 2025); and

A *superseded planning scheme request* must be made within one year of the new scheme taking effect, accordingly:

- Under Noosa Plan 2020 – Amendment 1, requests must be made by 26 September 2026;
- Under Noosa Plan 2020 – Amendment 2, requests must be made by 20 March 2027.

### What is the process for making a superseded planning scheme request?

To make a superseded planning scheme request:

- complete and submit the Superseded Planning Scheme Request Form<sup>1</sup>
- pay the application fee<sup>2</sup>.
- council will assess the request and issue a decision within 30 business days, unless an extension is agreed upon.
- a Decision Notice will be issued within **5** business days of the decision.

<sup>1</sup> available to download on Council's website

<sup>2</sup> as per Council's Fees & Charges Schedule in effect at the time of the application.

### What is the process if the request is approved?

For Accepted Development under the superseded planning scheme:

- No further planning approval is required, however a currency period for carrying out the development will be included on the decision.
- The development must be completed in the time frame detailed within the Decision Notice.

For Assessable Development (including non-compliant Accepted Development subject to requirements) under the superseded planning scheme:

- A development application must be lodged within 6 months of the approval date.
- The application will be assessed under the provisions of the relevant superseded planning scheme.

### What is the process if the request is refused?

If the request is refused<sup>3</sup>, the applicant cannot lodge an application for assessment under the *superseded planning scheme*. However, the applicant may still proceed with lodging an application for assessment under the current planning scheme, being *Noosa Plan 2020 – as amended 20 March 2026*.

Noosa Plan 2020 is available online at:  
[www.noosa.qld.gov.au/noosa-plan-2020](http://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/noosa-plan-2020)

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<sup>3</sup> Should Council refuse the superseded planning scheme request, the fee paid is not refundable.