

State Planning Policy 1/03:

Mitigating the Adverse Impacts of Flood, Bushfire and Landslide

Frequently Asked Questions COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

ISSUE	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Community Infrastructure	If a proposed community infrastructure development is located within a natural hazard management area, how can that development achieve Outcomes 1, 2 and 3?	<p>The achievement of Outcome 3 for community infrastructure proposals can require a higher standard of hazard immunity than would be required under Outcomes 1 and 2 (e.g. the levels of flood immunity set out in Appendix 9 of the SPP Guideline are higher than those in Appendix 5). These higher standards reflect the importance of the community infrastructure to the safety and well-being of the community, and should be applied when assessing a development proposal for community infrastructure (see the note in Figure 1 of the SPP Guideline).</p> <p>It should be noted that Outcome 3 requires these standards to be achieved “wherever practicable”. Where achievement isn’t practicable (see FAQ on interpreting “wherever practicable”), the community infrastructure development should achieve the best outcome in relation to natural hazards that can reasonably be achieved taking other relevant factors into consideration. Also, “unacceptable risk” should be avoided by achieving the specific outcomes set out in Annex 5 of the SPP.</p>
Community Infrastructure	Why do some types of community infrastructure require higher levels of flood protection?	<p>The types of community infrastructure to which the SPP applies perform vital response or recovery roles during and immediately after a natural hazard event, or store valuable or irreplaceable items. Therefore, such infrastructure requires a higher level of resilience to natural hazards than many other forms of development.</p>