



# RULES FOR SCHOOLS CHANGING

## ■ New planning legislation on the way

On 30 October 2013 the new Planning Bill was passed by the NSW Lower House which has the potential to significantly alter how new school projects or school expansion projects will be approved in the future.



## ■ Fast-tracking of school projects under threat

■ Existing schools can currently fast-track their new school projects by using State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 (the ISEPP).

■ Under the ISEPP complying school projects can be approved for minimal cost and time, and without onerous conditions, provided that basic requirements are satisfied.

■ However these beneficial planning provisions are being undermined by local councils prohibiting schools under new LEPs, the result being that the ISEPP provisions can no longer be relied upon. Schools recently prohibited include rural zones in both **Penrith** and **Liverpool** LGAs, and in some residential zones in **Ku-Ring-Gai** LGA.

■ *School projects that cannot use the ISEPP require local council development approval(s), which can cost many \$100,000s and major delays (or refusals). Local councils typically impose onerous and costly conditions of consent that may constrain future growth of the school eg. limits on future student numbers.*

## ■ Our solution

■ One practical solution is that you seek a rezoning of your school site, allowing schools as a permissible use, so that your school can continue to grow and take advantage of the ISEPP. Our firm are specialists in the planning and development of school sites and can take care all of the necessary documentation in support of any rezoning application.

■ Refer to our website [www.outline.com.au](http://www.outline.com.au) for a sample list of school projects that we have been involved in.

**We can lodge a rezoning application with your local council, and if refused, by-pass the local council and go straight to State Government after only 90 days.**

**Take advantage of this simple fix before its too late.**

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