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1. Citation

This is a statement of planning policy made under Section 5AA of the
(as amended). It applies to the planning decision-making within the

4. Economic development

All planning and development should assist actively in the creation of regional wealth, support the development of new industries and encourage economic activity as long as these activities are in accordance with sustainable development principles. Planning and development must also support the provision and maintenance of infrastructure based on sustainability principles to service regional communities and develop and upgrade tourism infrastructure to improve the attractiveness of the region as a natural and remote place to visitors and residents alike.

5. Interdependence

Development must not significantly interfere with current natural ecological processes. Ecological processes include both physical and biological systems, which are strongly interconnected. Changing one part of the environment may have an impact on other parts.

6. Limits of acceptable change

Development must be within limits of acceptable change. The limits of acceptable change are defined as the degree of change a system can accommodate or buffer while still sustaining or returning to its desired characteristics. The limits may be defined by environmental, social or economic concerns. What is acceptable or appropriate is determined by consultation with governments and communities, as well as by legislation and regulations. The limits of acceptable change establish the maximum level of alteration for a resource that society is prepared to accept. Given the region's

enrichment, and recreation. Biodiversity is central to the cultures of Aboriginal and

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