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CHANGES TO THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

The Territory Planning Authority, pursuant to section 51 of the *Planning Act 2023*, has made NI2026-523 Planning (Parks and Recreation Zones) Technical Specification 2026 (the current technical specification).

The current technical specification replaces the now revoked NI2024-543 Planning (Parks and Recreation) Technical Specification 2024 (the previous technical specification).

The main changes made by the current technical specification to the previous technical specification are listed in Part A of this document.

Territory Planning Authority
November 2026

Part A – Changes to the Technical Specifications

Changes to the Parks and Recreation Zones Technical Specifications

Water sensitive urban design

Changes include:

- Changes made to reflect updated ACT Practise Guidelines for Water Sensitive Urban Design (publicly released June 2026).
- Reinstating the mains water reduction target set in 2007, which was mandated in the WSUD General Code 2020 until the Territory Plan 2023 came into effect.

Update specification 13.2:

- Require water sensitive urban design measures to be demonstrated by a report prepared by a suitably qualified person, consistent with the ACT Practice Guidelines for Water Sensitive Urban Design.
- Specify that development must demonstrate, through the online Waterways calculators or another approved assessment tool, a minimum 40% reduction in mains water consumption compared to an equivalent development constructed in 2003.

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