



Planning circular

PLANNING SYSTEM

Performance monitoring

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Performance monitoring of the planning system

This circular advises of the system of data collection on planning and development matters to enable performance monitoring of the planning system.

Introduction

The local development performance monitoring system (LDPM) provides for regular performance reporting on the planning system based on data collected by councils. The LDPM came into effect on 17 July 2006 and applies to all councils.

The monitoring system has significant long-term benefits for State and local government, the development industry and the community. The information is used to improve policy and practice advice and inform stakeholders on development activity in NSW.

The information is used together with other data collected by the Department and provides a foundation for overall monitoring of the planning system.

Functions of the monitoring system

Specifically, the LDPM system functions as follows:

- To monitor key aspects of the planning and development assessment system and identify areas where further streamlining of current procedures and practices could occur.
- To assist in early identification of emerging trends and provide a lead for ongoing system improvement and management.
- To assist in improving the public accountability of the system by establishing performance measures and benchmarks based on available comparable data.
- To monitor the performance of State agency referrals and integrated approvals.
- To monitor the performance of councils in planning and development matters.

Data collected and published

The information collected by the LDPM system relates primarily to development assessment and includes the following:

- Types and nature of development applications (DAs).
- Extent of public notification.
- Extent of referrals and 'stop-the-clock' processes.
- Number of council staff employed in assessing applications.
- Value of DAs.
- Nature of determinations.
- Modification and review processes.
- Legal action.
- Certificates issued post-development consent.

Councils may also provide comments on qualitative factors that affect DA processing, such as sub-standard applications and compliance with plans and policies.

A summary of the data is published towards the end of each financial year and will be available on the NSW Planning Portal.

Further information

For further information please contact Service NSW on 13 77 88.

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