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# New appeals scheme for small scale residential development in the Land and Environment Court

The purpose of this circular is to advise councils and the community of a new conciliation-arbitration scheme in the Land and Environment Court for merit appeals relating to applications for single dwellings and dual occupancies.

## Introduction

A new conciliation-arbitration scheme in the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales (the LEC) for appeals related to small scale residential development will commence on 7 February 2011.

The scheme was introduced by the *Planning Appeals Legislation Amendment Act 2010* which amends the *Land and Environment Court Act 1979*.

The scheme will apply to merit appeals in Class 1 of the LEC's jurisdiction arising from applications and modification applications for single dwellings and dual occupancies (including subdivisions) lodged on or after 7 February 2011.

Under the scheme, a Commissioner of the LEC will conduct a conciliation conference between the parties, and, if no agreement can be reached, that Commissioner will be able to immediately arbitrate the matter.

## The Land and Environment Court of NSW website

A webpage with comprehensive information on the scheme relevant to councils, applicants and court users is now available at:

[http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/lec/ll\\_ Lec.nsf/page/s/LEC\\_residential\\_development\\_appeal\\_process](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/lec/ll_ Lec.nsf/page/s/LEC_residential_development_appeal_process).

The webpage provides further information on the new appeals scheme including a practice note titled, *Practice Note Class 1 Residential Development Appeals*.

Information material available on this website include: fact sheet, appeal forms, a site inspection policy, standard conditions of consent and a worked example of a statement of facts and contentions.

## Further Information

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The Department will issue a further circular on the changes to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* made by the *Planning Appeals Legislation Amendment Act 2010* closer to the commencement of those provisions.

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