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**Tumut residents to save time with online Electronic Housing Code**

Building a new house or doing a simple renovation will be easier in the Tumut area thanks to a Department of Planning and Environment program that allows homeowners and businesses to lodge applications any time from any location.

A complying development application is for straightforward projects that meet all the building standards for a complying development, without the need for a development application.

The program, known as the Electronic Housing Code, has been officially switched on today at Tumut Shire Council.

The Electronic Housing Code online system provides:

- faster planning approval times for straightforward home building or renovations
- no more paper applications or queues at councils
- applications can be submitted electronically 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

A Department spokesperson said home owners, builders, architects and other industry professionals were taking advantage of this tool all over NSW.

“With the introduction of the tool for Tumut Shire Council, there are now 120 councils offering the system live for their local government area,” the spokesperson said.

Tumut Shire Council Senior Building Surveyor Glenn Brasier said the Electronic Housing Code is a modern online tool that offers a range of advantages the old paper system can't match.

“It’s a more efficient way of getting approval for certain types of development including extensions, first floor additions, garages, cubby houses and carports,” Mr Brasier said.

“The Electronic Housing Code will reduce processing times and cut red tape.”


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