Company fined for building without approval

The Department of Planning and Environment has issued Shoalhaven Starches with a penalty notice of $3,000 for constructing silos for which a construction certificate had not been issued.

The silos were part of a proposed modification (Mod 5) to the factory on Bolong Road in Bomaderry that had not been approved when constructed.

The modification has since been approved.

The Department has doubled the number of compliance officers in the field across NSW to monitor and enforce the conditions placed on State significant development such as mining.

“Our Compliance Officers conduct spot checks without warning, regular inspections and audits as well as work with companies and communities to ensure that companies are sticking to the rules,” a spokesperson for the Department said.

The Department can issue the highest on-the-spot fines in the country for breaches of conditions.

Companies can also be prosecuted in court for breaching conditions, with the most severe breaches attracting fines of up to $5 million.

For more information about the compliance team, visit http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Compliance.

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