Upper Hunter residents save time and money with Electronic Housing Code

Lodging a fast track complying development application in the Upper Hunter will be more convenient thanks to a Department of Planning and Environment program that enables people to apply any time from any location.

The online system lets you lodge a complying development for a new home or home renovation. A complying development is a straightforward project that meets all relevant buildings standards, without the need for a development application.

The Electronic Housing Code means:

- Faster planning approval times for straightforward home building or renovations
- No more paper applications or queues at councils with planning rules online, and applications can be submitted electronically twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week
- Conveniently-located and simple to understand information on what is allowed on a property without a development application.

“Home owners, builders, architects and other industry professionals are taking advantage of this tool all over NSW and it’s great that Upper Hunter Shire Council is now on board,” a Department of Planning and Environment spokesperson said.

Upper Hunter Shire Council General Manager Waid Crockett said the Electronic Housing Code was a tremendous tool that offers a range of advantages the old paper system just can’t match.

“It’s a faster, easier way to get approval for certain types of development; including renovations, extensions, first floor additions and garages,” Mr Crockett said.

“You can also find out if some minor, low impact works such as cubby houses and carports can be done without any planning or building approval.

“This will reduce processing times and cut red tape.

“Council held a public information session about the new online tools and the feedback from local industry professionals was very positive.”

Along with all councils participating in the Electronic Housing Code project, the Department worked closely with Upper Hunter Shire Council to implement the system.

For more information, please go to www.electronichousingcode.com.au

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