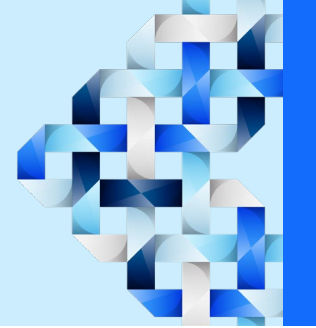




Development Coordination Authority

Monthly update

August 2026

This monthly update provides a snapshot of the Development Coordination Authority's operations in August 2026 as its early implementation phase continues.

Front Door

DCA's Front Door provides a point of contact for homeowners, councils, developers and other users of the planning system to get in touch with the right part of the NSW Government where referrals or inputs are needed.

In August, DCA received **446 enquiries** through the Front Door and resolved **503** enquiries during the month. Cases resolved during August includes cases initiated in July.

To get in touch with DCA's Front Door, email dca.enquiries@dphi.nsw.gov.au or visit [DCA's website](#).

Local development

In August, DCA received **560 new referral checks** and had responded to **549** by the end of the month. Referral checks have helped ensure consent authorities and applicants avoid **95** unnecessary referrals in July and a further **63** in August.

Following referral checks, DCA received a further **424 formal referrals** from consent authorities in August. With many of DCA's July referrals now finalised, DCA provided **182 referral responses** to month's end. Average DCA referral response times for August sits at **24** days, with **81%** of responses delivered on time.

Other planning pathways

Responses to requests for technical advice climbed substantially in August. DCA received **150 new requests for technical advice** and provided **120 pieces of advice** back to teams across the Department to inform State significant development, State significant infrastructure, planning proposals and State-led rezonings.

Post Consent

DCA's Post Consent Support Service supports developers to remove post-consent barriers to construction and get approved residential developments moving.

To date, DCA's Post Consent team has provided case management support to **177 sites** totalling **24,497 dwellings**. This includes **42 sites** being actively case managed totalling around **8,695 dwellings**.

To check eligibility or apply for post consent assistance, please complete the [application form](#) on DCA's website.

Upcoming Planning Portal training

DPHI provides regular online training support for users of the Planning Portal, including sessions on DCA referrals. Visit the [Planning Portal training page](#) for details and to register.



How to request a DCA referral check

Date: Monday 14 September
Time: 11-11:30 am

How to create a referral during the assessment of a development application

Date: Wednesday 23 September
Time: 10-10:45 am