



DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL FACILITATION POLICY

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that significant development proposals pass through the Wangaratta Rural City Council in the most expeditious, facilitative and coordinated manner possible.

Through this policy Council aims to provide a Whole-of-Council approach and response to a Significant Development Proposal by:

- reducing the overall time for development approval processing whilst operating within legislation requirements;
- greatly enhancing the coordination of the various approval processes within Council; and
- enhancing the facilitative approach offered by Council to significant development proposals.

STATEMENT

Upon initial identification of a Significant Development Proposal within the Rural City of Wangaratta, the identifying officer will notify the Chief Executive Officer of the proposal together with an indication of the magnitude and likely issues associated with the proposal.

If the proposed development is deemed to be of sufficient magnitude to warrant special attention, the Chief Executive Officer will convene a meeting of the Development Assessment Team (DAT) to oversee and coordinate the passage of development approvals through the organisation.

DAT membership consists of:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Director Development Services
- Director Infrastructure Services
- Director Corporate Services
- Manager Building, Planning and Compliance

Co-opting:

Other staff may be co-opted to the team as required.

Focus of DAT:

- (1) A one stop shop for developers.
- (2) A proactive response to significant development proposals.
- (3) A consistent and efficient approach by the organisation.
- (4) All relevant areas of the organisation are informed of and involved in significant development proposals.

DEFINITIONS

Significant Development Proposal is either an application or substantiated enquiry that is likely to lead to a development:

- (a) in the Central Activities Area of Wangaratta; or
- (b) has a value at or above \$2 million.

REFERENCES

Development Assessment Team Guidelines