



Building Newsflash

DATABASE FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COURT APPEALS

Purpose

Planning Services of the Department has recently developed a database for Planning and Environment (P & E) Court Appeals which is available from the Integrated Planning Act (IPA) website.

The database enables on-line searching for appeals lodged in the P & E Courts across Queensland. By enabling a search to be undertaken to check whether an appeal has been lodged about a specific development application, the database will also assist in determining whether a development approval has taken effect.

What Information is available?

The Appeals Database contains –

- A consolidated list of all appeals lodged in the P & E Courts across Queensland of which the Chief Executive of the Department has been notified;
- Information about the appeal including the appeal number, name and year, the site address and local government area, and
- A copy of the appeal notice, including grounds for the appeal.

How to search the database

The Appeals Database is available on the IPA website at www.ipa.qld.gov.au under the heading “P & E Court, Register of Appeals”. The database can be searched based on the local government area or suburb in which the development is proposed. By clicking on the appeal number, further information can be accessed about the appeal.

When to search the database

When searching for an appeal over a particular site or development application, the search should be conducted at least 15 business days after the final day on which to lodge an appeal. (When calculating this day, remember that in many cases a submitter’s appeal period starts after the applicant’s appeal period has ended). This will provide sufficient time for an appellant to meet their statutory timeframe of 10 business days in which to give notice of the appeal to the Chief Executive and time for the information to be scanned and entered into the database.

IPA Website

The IPA Website also contains information and publications designed to assist in the implementation and interpretation of all aspects of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*. If you would like to receive regular updates via email about IPA, including legislative amendments and new or revised publications, a subscription service is available at no cost under the “What’s New” section of the IPA website listed above.