

# Overview of Building and Development Dispute Resolution Committees

The Building and Development Dispute Resolution Committees provide an accessible, affordable and timely service for members of the public not satisfied with building, plumbing and planning decisions made by local government and private certifiers.

## Jurisdiction

Appeals can be heard about matters such as siting requirements, building work over or near relevant infrastructure (sewers, water mains, stormwater drains or combined sanitary drains), inspections of building work, swimming pool fencing, fire safety, plumbing and drainage, compliance assessment, enforcement notices; limited development approvals; matters related to an infrastructure charges notice and water and sewerage connections under the *South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act 2009*.

Declarations can be requested for matters relating to properly made applications and acknowledgement notices, lapses in request for compliance assessments and changes to development approvals.

The committees have jurisdiction to decide matters set under a regulation and defined in the following Acts:

- *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*
- *Building Act 1975*
- *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002*
- *Residential Services (Accreditation) Act 2002*
- *South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act 2009*.

## Establishment of Committees

Committees are established as required from a pool of appointed general referees who are appointed for a term of no more than three years by the Minister for Housing and Public Works. For information on becoming a general referee please contact the Building and Development Dispute Resolution Committee Registry.

Committees comprise of between one and five referees with appropriate qualifications and experience to hear the matter. Hearings are conducted in an informal manner. Legal representation is not allowed at hearings and decisions are delivered in plain English.

## Contact for further information

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