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Page 1 of the Local Development dashboard allows users to view headline statistics and dynamically interact with the number of applications approved by Council and development type.

### ePlanning Dashboard for FY16 for all Councils (NSW)







#### Quick Tips

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- You can filter by one specific council by clicking on the council name
- 4 You can filter by one application type within one specific council by clicking on a segment of the bar graph
- 5 Double clicking on any filtered segment or clicking "Reset", removes all filters and return the dashboard to default view

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To view filters applied to any part of the Dashboard, click the "filter" icon





### Filter by application type & one council

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**Filter by one council** 



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Filter dashboard by council/s or all

Focus mode to enlarge segment in full page view

View filters applied to dashboard segment 11

Click on graph segment to filter dashboard

Double click or scroll to zoom, click & drag to move

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# **Understand your Local Development Dashboard**

## **Calculating determination times**

#### Average determination days by determining authority

Determination times per determination body are inclusive of the timeframe for the assessment which is undertaken by councils and are not a pure reflection on the determination body.

It is noted that assessment times are lengthier for applications with greater complexity, higher value and the increased community interest.

#### **Approval Times**

The data for approval times for residential development, non-residential development, and total development shows gross approval times for both DA and CDCs issued by councils. Private certifier approval times are not included.

Residential development includes: Residential -Alterations and additions, Residential - Single new dwelling, Residential - New second occupancy, Residential - New multi unit, Residential - Seniors Living, and Residential - Other.

Non-residential development includes: Tourist, Commercial / retail / office, Mixed, Infrastructure, Industrial, Community facility, Subdivision only, Other, and Non standard category.



#### Calendar Days

The Department has calculated time using calendar days (including weekends) using dates of lodgement and determination supplied by councils.

The gross determination time is simply the difference between date determined and date lodged except where the determination date was the same as the lodgement date, where the gross determination time was set to one day.

For net determination time, stop-the-clock time and referral times were supplied in calendar days so that net time is also in calendar days.

#### Stop-the-Clock Time

This is the time taken for further information to be sought from the applicant after a DA is submitted. When the request is made the clock is 'stopped' until the information is received.

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 currently allows councils to set a time limit for applicants to provide further information on their DA. In practice, it is understood that some DAs are put on hold indefinitely pending information from the applicant, leading to some inefficient practices. Stop the clock events usually occur where applications are lodged with inadequate information, lie dormant for a lengthy period and are eventually 'closed off' by the council with a formal rejection or are withdrawn by the applicant. These incidences contribute to longer determination times.

Councils have also indicated that as their aim is to provide a service to DA applicants, they will guide an applicant through the DA process and request additional information as required rather than refuse or reject DAs. This adversely impacts on councils' average determination times as it increases the time taken to determine applications.

#### Mean determination time

The mean of a set of data values is the sum of all of the data values divided by the number of data values.

#### Median determination time

The median of a set of data values is the middle value of the dataset when it has been ordered. If the number of values in the dataset is even, then the median is the average of the two middle values. The use of the median provides an alternative method of analysing the data to a mean which may be skewed by a relatively small number of extremely high or low values in a dataset.

#### **Numbers rounded**

Numbers present in the report may be rounded, and not an exact true number.

#### **More Info**

For further information about Local Development Performance Monitoring, please visit the NSW Planning portal website (<u>https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/</u>).