

Ripley Valley FAQ's

Delegation of development assessment powers to Ipswich City Council

One of the Queensland Government's statutory and land use planning reforms is to return responsibility for planning and development assessment to local government. The ultimate outcome sought for the Ripley Valley Priority Development Area (PDA) is the revocation of the PDA. While the revocation process is being worked through with Ipswich City Council (ICC), development assessment and relevant administration powers have been delegated to ICC as of 30 September 2013.

From 30 September, ICC is responsible for assessing any development applications, other than those that are in the decision stage. Applications which are in the decision stage will remain with the Department of State Development Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) on behalf of the Minister for Economic Development. All development applications will continue to be assessed against the Ripley Valley Development Scheme under the *Economic Development Act 2012*. The Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) development assessment fee schedule and the self certification process for operational works will continue to apply.

What happens to existing development approvals within the Ripley Valley PDA?

All existing development approvals remain in effect.

What happens to current applications at the time of delegation?

All current applications will be delegated to ICC for assessment, except those which are in the decision stage which will remain with DSDIP, to minimise disruption to the applicant.

The decision stage means:

1. If an information request has been made for the application – the request has been complied with and the applicant has been notified that the request has been complied with and
2. If the application requires notification – the applicant has complied with the notification requirements, and
3. The submission period for the application has ended.

Efforts have been made to ensure that the development industry will not be adversely affected by this transition.

How do I lodge a new application once delegation has commenced?

All new development applications are to be lodged with ICC. Further details on ICC's lodgement process can be found on www.ipswichplanning.com.au.

Will the development scheme continue to apply?

Yes, development applications will continue to be assessed against the Ripley Valley Development Scheme under *the Economic Development Act 2012*.

Will the Self Certification process apply to applications lodged with ICC?

Yes

Who will administer the self certification process?

The self certification process will be administered by the relevant development assessment entity. In the case of development applications in the decision stage, the relevant development assessment entity is DSDIP. For all other development applications it will be ICC.

Who will assess compliance and undertake plan sealing for existing PDA approvals?

Compliance assessment and plan sealing will be undertaken by ICC.

What if I want to lodge a change to an approval granted by DSDIP?

Change to approval applications will be lodged with ICC.

For any further questions please contact Ipswich City Council:

<http://www.ipswichplanning.com.au/contact-us>