Development Application (DA)

A Development Application (DA) is an application for development approval that requires consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act). A DA is an application for consent to carry out a proposed development (New dwelling, alterations and additions to an existing dwelling, shed, swimming pool etc.).

Types of development that typically require DA approval:

- New buildings, alterations or alterations/additions to existing buildings;
- Change of use of an existing building or premises. (Please refer to these provisions of the State Policy for a full list of development standards under exempt development relating to changing the use of a premise);
- Demolition of dwellings, heritage items or any building within a conservation area;
- Earthworks, filling and clearing of land;
- Subdivision of a parcel of land (includes consolidation of allotments, strata title or community title subdivision and boundary adjustments).
- Commercial and industrial development.

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