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DEVELOPMENT NOTIFICATION CHANGES NOW IN EFFECT ACROSS NSW

The NSW Government's new Statewide Community Participation Plan has now come into effect, introducing consistent development notification requirements across all local government areas in New South Wales.

Under the new rules, public exhibition or neighbour notification of many lower-impact developments, including new homes, alterations and additions, dual occupancies, secondary dwellings and subdivisions of up to five lots, will no longer occur.

The new plan replaces Council's previous Community Participation Plan. Council did not initiate these changes and is required to apply the State Government's notification framework.

Residents are reminded that the absence of a notification letter does not necessarily mean a Development Application has not been lodged nearby. Applications lodged before the changes took effect will continue to be assessed under the notification requirements that applied at the time of lodgement.

The NSW Government has advised the reforms are intended to focus community input earlier in the planning process and on larger, more complex developments. Residents are encouraged to participate in consultations on strategic planning documents, including reviews of Local Environmental Plans and Development Control Plans.

Further information is available on the NSW Planning website, www.planning.nsw.gov.au or www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/community-participation-plan-2

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