



Environmental Development and Allied Professionals

Spring 2019 Newsletter

Environmental & Development Industry News

Mandatory corruption training for certifiers

NSW Fair Trading will be conducting free mandatory training session to manage corruption risks in certification work. The three-hour training is an 'approved CPD activity' under the Accreditation Scheme. Each session will cover:

- certifiers as public officials
- the nature of corrupt conduct
- certifier conflicts of interest
- managing corruption and conflict of interest risks.

Training sessions will run across NSW from 11 November 2019 to 13 March 2020.

https://lnk.nswfairtrading.trclient.com/l/gpfsMQa_jEI64OGR3DF80VI

Property identification reforms - enhancing agricultural traceability

Reforms to the Property Identification Code (PIC) system have been proposed following a review into national traceability systems. The proposed reforms are aimed at developing a nationally consistent system for the allocation and use of PICs across properties producing livestock, and plants and plant products. It is intended to improve traceability and ensure ongoing export market access for our agricultural produce.

PICs have been mandatory for properties with any livestock since 2012 and were required by producers and other operators along the meat supply chain well before then. There has been no previous requirement for plant producing properties to obtain a PIC.

<https://www.foodwise.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/edition51/index.html>

Community participation plans

NSW planning authorities, including councils and State government agencies with key planning approval functions, are required to have prepared their first CPP before 1 December 2019. Council's can alternatively opt to include the matters required in such a plan in its community strategic plan under the Local Government Act 1993.

CPPs aim to enhance community participation and engagement in planning decisions and processes. They are a new requirement under s2.23 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EPA Act).

https://www.lindsaytaylorlawyers.com.au/in_focus/alert-community-participation-plans-due-by-1-december-2019/

Draft Design and Building Practitioners Bill 2019

The draft Bill introduces a suite of new reforms to improve the quality and compliance of design documentation and to strengthen accountability across the design, building and construction sector.

Parts of the reform will be prescribed and finalised by the supporting regulation, once developed. When the Act and regulation commence, it is intended that the reforms will apply to certain categories of regulated designs and to multi-unit and multi-storey residential apartment buildings, which will be set out in the regulation. Other classes of buildings are intended to be included in the new scheme in regulation over time.

www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/consultation-tool/design-and-building-practitioners-bill-2019

EDAP Western Group Conference 2019 – Bourke, April 2019

The recently held Bourke EDAP Conference attracted over 70 delegates from Corowa to Broken Hill for the 19th EDAP Regional Conference hosted by Bourke Shire Council. The Conference provided a fantastic opportunity for delegates to receive the latest information in the environment and development sphere in NSW. In addition the Conference delivered a fine networking and social occasion, as is custom at EDAP events.



Above: The Darling River was at a low ebb due to the drought so unfortunately our cruise on the “Jandra” had to be abandoned.

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Baby news

Erika Mackenzie had a bouncing baby boy on Monday 21st October 2019! Weighing 8 pound 1oz, both bub and mum doing well.

2020 EDAP Conference in Orange 13-15 May 2020

The 20th EDAP Western Group Conference incorporating the 71st Western Group Regional Conference will be hosted by Orange City Council with the program to be finalised shortly.

Future EDAP conferences

The 21st EDAP Western Group Regional Conference is to be hosted by Gilgandra Shire Council in 2021 and the 21st Conference by Blayney Shire Council in 2022.

