



Environmental Development and Allied Professionals

Summer/Autumn 2022/23 Newsletter

Environmental & Development Industry News

Who decides what planning instruments apply to a DA?

In most cases, it is clear which environmental planning instruments apply to a given development application. This is because s 4.15(1)(a) mandates consideration of those planning instruments that 'apply to the land to which the development application relates'.

But what happens where the application of a planning instrument depends on a particular opinion, or state of satisfaction? Is it the consent authority or the Court who can finally and definitively determine whether the planning instrument applies?

https://www.lindsaytaylorlawyers.com.au/in_focus/who-decides-what-planning-instruments-apply-to-a-da/

Charging Electric Vehicles in Buildings - Draft Policy

AIBS' policy position calls for regulation to be established to require that the installation of an electric vehicle charging point in an existing building is an activity that requires an approval. It also calls for the establishment of technical provisions that would appropriately mitigate risks arising from this activity within a building.

<https://aibs.com.au//Public/News/2022/Member-Alert-Charging%20Electric%20Vehicles%20in%20Buildings%20-%20Draft%20Policy.aspx>

New-look planning panels to combat lobbying risk

Independent planning panels that make decisions on development applications and provide advice on rezoning proposals will be bolstered under new rules to reduce corruption risks and improve decision-making. In essence, there will be less certainty on which experts or community members will be on a panel for a particular matter.

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/News/2022/New-look-panels-to-combat-lobbying-risk>



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EDAP Annual Regional Conference – NYNGAN 2023

The EDAP Annual Regional Conference was held in Nyngan on 17 -19 May 2023, hosted by Bogan Shire Council. As usual the Conference featured a variety of high-quality speakers. The Conference attracted over 80 delegates to Nyngan and if more accommodation had been available we would have had a much higher number. The Conference was held in the Old Town Hall which was a chilly venue for delegates and certainly kept the delegates awake and seeking the beautiful sunny day on the footpath during the breaks. Catering was first class by the local providers.

The conference provided an AAC workshop on the Wednesday morning and the Western Food Group meeting on the Wednesday afternoon with both events being well attended.

Wednesday evening saw the welcome drinks and canapés at the local RSL Club which was kindly sponsored by Neil Smith of Better Environmental Services Today or B.E.S.T. thank you Neil.

Thursday the conference was in full swing and standing room only in the chilly hall but excellent presentations.

EDAP received an award from the NSW Food Authority for Food Surveillance Champion Award 2023 for Group-Country

At the EDAP AGM the reigning committee were again elected however strong discussion was held at the meeting with an aim to introduce younger persons to take the reins of this EDAP group in the future with plans put in place for succession.

Thursday night the conference dinner was held also at the RSL with longtime supporter and sponsor Charlie Carlyon taking on the huge task of cooking on the BBQ the mountain of Scotch fillet steaks and snags to feed the hungry delegates and Charlie was ably assisted by new EDAP member Grahame Fry from Parkes and by all the comments the BBQ was a huge success thanks guys.

Friday morning seen the usual Bacon & Egg roll at the local café with coffee then the awesome river nature walk with Karen Francis from Bogan Shire Council a great end to a great conference.

NB Conference presentations will be available on the EDAP website www.edap.org.au



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SOME HAPPY SNAPS FROM THE CONFERENCE



- Nature River Walk



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- EDAP President Brendan Hayes addressing the delegates



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- EDAP Award from NSW Food Authority
- **OPPORTUNITY FOR CERTIFIERS**

Tim O'Reilly of Building Certificates Australia has once again provided an opportunity for certifiers/trainees wishing to gain experience in Class 2 buildings in Sydney to work at BCA any EDAP member interested in this exciting opportunity can contact Tim on 0438 407 495. This exciting opportunity was taken up last year by EDAP members and has proven so beneficial for their careers in certification.



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Below left: Nyngan's Big Bogan is hellishly big, standing at 6m tall and weighing 1500kg.

Below right: Drop into the Macquarie Marshes reserve down the road from Nyngan.



EDAP Membership

EDAP membership now at 604 and our 600th member was Emily Tischner from Armidale!

EPIC Conference

The AAC hosted the annual EPIC Conference in Newcastle, for members who are emerging professionals in certification.

The EPIC Conference provides a platform to discuss the important issues in building and development certification, engage in professional development, build networks, and gain technical insight. EDAP is a sponsor of this Conference.



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AAC Conference

This year's AAC Conference is being held at Luna Park on Friday 2 June a big program is planned with workshops being held in the morning for either Class 1 -10 Buildings or 2-9 Buildings then Conference commences at 10am the Conference is also being live streamed and Wagga Wagga City Council is hosting a live stream of the AAC Conference EDAP is also sponsoring the AAC Conference



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