



Environmental Development and Allied Professionals

Spring 2025 Newsletter

Environmental & Development Industry News

Planning system reforms

The NSW Government's NSW Planning System Reforms Bill 2025 proposes to provide:

- Faster, simpler approvals
- More certainty for builders and communities
- Cutting red tape and unnecessary duplication in the planning system
- Reform for housing approval pathways

As usual the devil will be in the detail so read up on this.

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/news/planning-system-reform-help-build-nsws-future>

NSW Food Regulation 2025 now in effect

The NSW Food Authority has updated the NSW Food Regulation – the state legislation underpinning its work to ensure food produced and sold in NSW is safe.

Following public consultation in November 2024, the Regulation was remade with amendments and is now in effect.

A key change in the Food Regulation 2025 is the introduction of licensing and notification requirements for berry, leafy vegetable and melon businesses from 12 February 2026.

<https://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/news/general-news/nsw-food-regulation-2025-now-effect>

Unapproved and unauthorised building work a threat to consumer confidence

The media have again raised the issue of unapproved and unauthorised building work.

The AAC has consistently told the Government that unapproved building works are an ongoing and increasing problem that must be urgently addressed. Certifiers believe that any person or corporation undertaking or enabling illegal building works must incur significant financial, licensing, and reputation costs.

<https://www.aacertifiers.com.au/news-item/19560/unapproved-and-unauthorised-building-work-is-a-threat-to-consumer-confidence>



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Combined EDAP & Riverina Group Annual Regional Conference – Corowa 2025

The combined EDAP Annual Regional Conference & Riverina Group Conference was hosted by Federation Council in Corowa during July 2025. The 3-day event featured a varied program and was a resounding success.

Below Left: Erika Dawson presents on bushfire management , Below Right: Regional Development NSW Growth Corporation discuss precinct opportunities, Bottom Left: delegates visit the Corowa Saleyards, Bottom Right: Drinks at Corowa Distilling Co.





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EDAP Conference 2026 - Mudgee

The next EDAP Conference will be hosted by Mid-Western Regional Council in Mudgee on 29 April to 1 May 2026. Put it in your diary!



Planning for Bushfire Protection course

EDAP will be running a Planning for Bushfire Protection Bushfire course in Forbes on Friday 14 November 2025. The course will be presented by experienced bushfire and building consultant, Mr Colin Wood.

EDAP Membership

EDAP membership now stands at 620 members.