

Making Home Improvements Easier

Exemptions from Requiring Development Approval Local Planning Policy



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A simpler way to get things done

The Shire has adopted a new Local Planning Policy designed to make it easier, faster and simpler for landowners to improve their property.

The new Local Planning Policy sets out which development types are now exempt from requiring development (planning) approval, where specific conditions are met.



Is your property zoned Rural Residential, Rural Small Holdings or General Agriculture?

If your project meets the requirements set out in the Local Planning Policy, you may no longer need development approval.

Common projects that may not need development approval:

- Small additions or alterations to your home, such as a patio or dwelling extension
- Ancillary dwelling
- Outbuildings, such as a shed or garage
- Carport
- Water tank
- Minor structural upgrades or modifications

Quick checklist

Your project may still require development approval if:

- The property is within a Special Control Area, e.g. bushfire
- The works relate to a heritage-protected property
- The property contains protected (native) vegetation
- The development is close to a watercourse



- The development seeks to vary any provision of the Scheme, or is of a type which the Scheme requires development approval for

This policy removes the requirement for development approval only

You still need to:

- Obtain all other relevant approvals, including those from the Shire's Building, Health and Environment teams
- Comply with building and safety standards
- Meet other relevant legal requirements

Why the Shire is doing this:

- Streamlining the planning process
- Helping landowners save time and money
- Supporting landowners to improve their properties with confidence



What this means for you



Less Red Tape

No need to lodge a development application for eligible projects



Save Money

Reduce application fee costs for your project



Save Time

Start your project sooner without waiting for development approval timeframes



Easier Process

Clear exemptions criteria make it easier to know what you can do on your property without development approval

Where can I find a copy of the Local Planning Policy?

A copy of the Exemptions from Requiring Development Approval Local Planning Policy is available on the Shire's website or at the Shire's Administration Office.

Need help?

Not sure if your project is exempt? Contact the Shire of Mundaring Community Planning team for guidance and support.

Start your project the easier way today.



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