

Development Activity Report

Annual: 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

Development applications, modifications & reviews



1,782

Applications lodged



1656

Applications determined



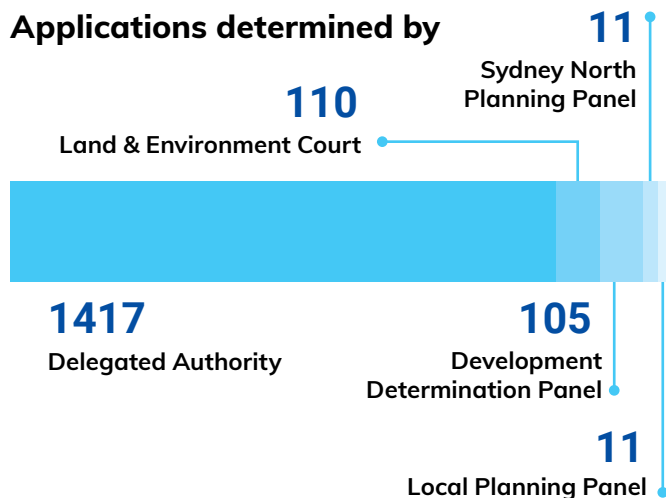
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DA
Pre-lodgement meetings



Council responded effectively to major planning reforms and successfully managed a sustained volume of complex applications. Targeted system upgrades, streamlined processes, and refined resourcing improved internal operations and minimised delays. This resulted in Council consistently meeting performance benchmarks, including faster lodgement targets and enhanced service delivery.

Applications determined by



Processing times

Last financial year

88
days

Average
processing time

64
days

Median
processing time

This financial year

75
days

Average
processing time

54
days

Median
processing time

Value of applications

*DA's only

Received

\$1,299,593,319



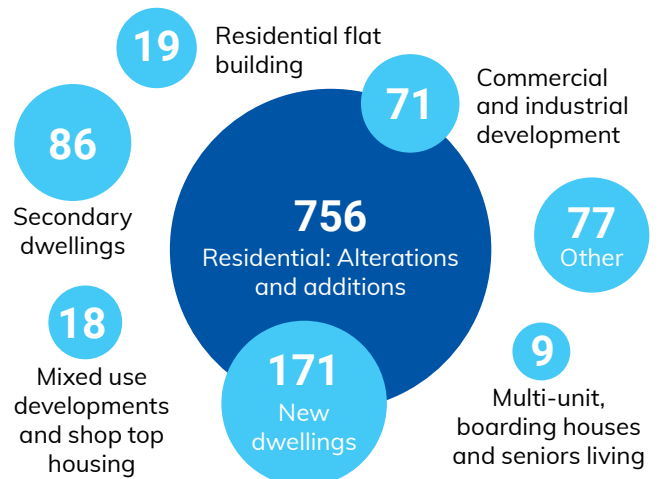
Approved

\$868,625,051



There was a 21% decrease in the total value of Development Applications lodged compared to the 2024 - 2025 financial year. This continues a consistent downward trend, largely driven by rising interest rates and escalating construction costs throughout the current financial year.

Development Applications types



Customer Experience: Council delivered strong performance, exceeding NSW Planning timeframes and steadily improving efficiency, achieving a 15% reduction in Development Application processing times. Customer satisfaction remained high, with applicants commending staff for professionalism, responsiveness, and clear communication. Ongoing stakeholder consultation guided service enhancements and strengthened industry collaboration.



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