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2013 IN REVIEW

Welcome to the first issue of the Inverell Shire Council Development Services Bulletin for 2014. In 2013, Council granted development consent for approximately:

- 40 new residential accommodation;
- 100 new residential or rural residential allotments; and
- \$30 million worth of residential, commercial and industrial development.

Council's development services staff are looking forward to a productive 2014, working with property owners and industry professionals to achieve quality development throughout Inverell and the surrounding district.

ONLY TWO MORE YEARS FOR CERTAIN RURAL BUILDING ENTITLEMENTS

One of the most common enquiries Development staff receives is whether it is possible to construct a dwelling on a vacant rural property.

There are a number of different criteria under the Inverell Local Environmental Plan 2012 for achieving a building entitlement on a rural property, one of which is that it is an 'existing holding'.



For a rural property to be considered an 'existing holding', it must currently be exactly the same property held, in one ownership, as it was on 1 July, 1979. Council officers are able to assist owners and potential purchasers to determine if a property is an 'existing holding'.



It will not be possible to construct a dwelling on an 'existing holding' after the 7 December, 2015.

If you believe you own an existing holding and wish to secure the ability to construct a dwelling, it is recommended that you contact Council's planning officers as soon as possible.

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