



### LODGEMENT OF DA'S, CC'S AND CDC'S VIA THE NSW PLANNING PORTAL

As announced in the April 2021 Development Services Bulletin, from 1 July 2021, the NSW Government has mandated that all development and building applications must be lodged and processed through the NSW Planning Portal ([www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au)).

From 1 July 2021, Council will no longer be able to accept the lodgement of applications via traditional methods such as in person, via post or e-mail.

To assist people with adjusting to these changes, Council has proposed to commence the use of the NSW Planning Portal in the stages as illustrated below. In accordance with this staging timeframe, from 20 May 2021, the following applications can be lodged with Inverell Shire Council through the NSW Planning Portal:

- Development Applications;
- Construction Certificates; and
- Complying Development Certificates.

To lodge an application through the NSW Planning Portal, an applicant will need to log in to the NSW Planning Portal (via an existing or new account), select the relevant application (i.e. DA, CC and/or CDC), upload their plans and submit their application. The NSW Planning Portal will then notify Council of the application.

Whilst the formal lodgement of an application is now being undertaken electronically, Council still recognises the importance of meaningful contact with residents and developers. Council offers a free pre-lodgement advice service and staff are always happy to meet people, either on-site or at Council's Administration Centre, to discuss a proposal prior to the formal lodgement of an application. Council staff will also make contact with owners and developers during the assessment of an application.

Council has a strong commitment to assisting in the lodgement of development and building applications by taking an active role in the pre-application process, and Council's Development Services staff will be available to assist residents with the NSW Planning Portal.

Further announcements and information will be released by Council as the staged commencement of the NSW Planning Portal continues.

#### TIMEFRAME FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NSW PLANNING PORTAL

