



The achievements of HAF eDA

For those close to the project, the HAF eDA journey has been a long, and sometimes challenging, one. However, amongst the blood, sweat and tears, the project has managed to achieve a number of significant goals.

At the completion of the HAF eDA project, it is exciting to look back at the services that have now been installed within our participating councils.

For those high growth regional councils participating in the **introductory eDA** component of the project, the following tools have been delivered (varies per council and may not be live to the public as yet):

- DA Tracking (the progress of applications through the DA process);
- Property Enquiry (property details including zoning and planning scheme overlays plus potential state assessments);
- Development Enquiry (identifying the level of assessment, relevant planning scheme codes for a particular development and potential Referral Agencies);
- Electronic application forms;
- Electronic lodgement and post lodgement communications; and
- Electronic referral (identification of relevant agencies and communications during assessment).

For those councils participating in the **enhanced eDA** component of the project, the following tools and services have been delivered (varies per council and may not be live to the public as yet):

- Development Enquiry plus Planning Scheme online (allows viewing relevant planning scheme codes at a detailed level) specific to a development proposal;
- Well-made checklists (electronic checklists for assisting in preparing good quality planning applications);
- Well-made wizard (facilitates the process of addressing relevant planning scheme requirements by the applicant);
- Electronic assessment tools (facilitates the process of assessment of the application as prepared by the applicant using the well-made wizard);
- Initial system integration (facilitates the exchange of development application data electronically throughout the process).

As well as improving the services currently available to council customers, it has been estimated that the potential benefit of eDA tools to the development industry is up to \$31 million over five years, and save 168 trees a year.*

The HAF Programme would like to thank the dedicated council project teams that have been an integral part of the HAF eDA project.

* Australian Property Investor Magazine, April 2010.

