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TWELVE COUNCILS TO TRIAL ONLINE HOUSING CODE

A joint State and Local Government initiative will see twelve high-growth councils take part in trialling the online version of the NSW Housing Code.

NSW Planning Minister, Kristina Keneally, said the joint State and local government pilot would, for the first time, allow people to get planning approval for their family home in just 10 days online.

“The online Housing Code will be trialled in twelve high growth councils across NSW until mid next year and will provide feedback for a possible State wide roll out late next year,” Ms Keneally said.

“This trial will allow families to lodge complying development applications under the NSW Housing Code with just a few clicks of a mouse button.

“Putting the NSW Housing Code online will bring the Code into people’s houses, cutting paperwork, delivering speedier decisions and contributing to housing affordability.

“This trial represents a new way forward in meeting the planning needs of high-growth NSW communities.”

Ms Keneally said the twelve high-growth councils were chosen by an independent selection panel from a field of 25 councils.

“The Councils were evaluated on a number of criteria, including the volume of residential development applications it processes and expected future growth,” Ms Keneally said.

“Having 25 councils apply to take part in the online trial shows great support for the NSW Housing code through the normal application methods and now online.”

Ms Keneally said the trial is funded by the Federal Government under the Housing Affordability Fund and is being implanted by the State Government as part of a broader vision to develop an e-Planning Roadmap for NSW.

The twelve role model councils are:

- Bankstown City Council;
- Blacktown City Council;
- Gosford City Council;
- Lake Macquarie City Council;
- Liverpool City Council;
- Port Macquarie-Hastings Council;
- Rockdale City Council;
- Shellharbour Council;
- Sutherland Shire Council;
- Tamworth Regional Council;
- The Hills Shire Council; and
- Tweed Shire Council.

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