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## Market Grower Fact Sheet

# Development applications

DEVELOPMENT applications are required for many activities on market gardens. You should not start work until you have approval. The zoning of your property will determine what activities require you to submit a development application.

### Exemptions:

Not all activities require an application. To find out if you require an application for your development contact your Council by phone or mail. If you require an interpreter, please call 131 450.

### Planning Officer:

You can make an appointment to meet with a Council planning officer to discuss your ideas before putting in a formal application. This will help you to submit the application correctly, improve your chances of having your development application approved and reduce the time it will take to get the approval.



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This **Market Grower Fact Sheet** is part of a series designed to support growers from a non-English speaking background. For more information please contact your local Council. If you require an interpreter call TIS on 131 450.

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### Standard approval:

Applications can take between four weeks and three months, or in some cases longer. This depends on the complexity of the application, the amount of additional information required and the number of other applications being processed. It is important that you meet Council's requirements; **otherwise your application will not be processed.**

It is recommended you make an appointment for a "pre-development application" meeting before submitting your completed application to ensure you have met all Council's requirements. Call your local Council and ask to speak with a Planning Officer. If you require an interpreter, please call 131 450.

### Council approval:

If you have started work before seeking approval, or you do not comply with the application process or neighbours object, your application will probably be referred to a Council meeting. This will involve more scrutiny and increase the time taken to reach a decision. Council meetings are held every two to four weeks, depending on your Council. Check with your local Council for details. Legal action or a fine may also apply if you start without approval. See the Zoning and Land use Fact sheet for more information.

**Support your application by providing a Farm Management Plan. Templates available from NSW Department of Primary Industries on 02 4588 2100.**

The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing (November 2007). However, because of advances in knowledge, users are reminded of the need to ensure that information upon which they rely is up to date and to check currency of the information with the appropriate officer of NSW Department of Primary Industries or the user's independent adviser.