

# 33. ECO-INFO - APPLYING FOR A SECTION 68 APPROVAL UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

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## WHAT IS A SECTION 68 APPROVAL?

Council **consent** for development is issued under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979), however there remain some activities that do not require **development consent** but require **approval** under Section 68 of the Local Government Act (1993).

## WHAT IS THE LOCAL APPROVALS POLICY?

Council's Local Approvals Policy clarifies circumstances where an approval must be obtained from Council prior to the carrying out of the activities listed in the Table found under Section 68 of the Local Government Act (1993).

The following are some typical activities that may require approval under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993:

- Install a manufactured home, moveable dwelling or associated structure on flood liable land
- Install a temporary structure on land
- Carry out certain stormwater drainage work
- For fee or reward, play a musical instrument or sing on community land
- Set up, operate or use a loudspeaker or sound amplifying device on community land
- Swing or hoist goods across or over any part of a public road by means of a lift, hoist or tackle projecting over the footway

- Expose or allow to be exposed (whether for sale or otherwise) any article in or on or so as to overhang any part of the road or outside a shop window or doorway abutting the road, or hang an article beneath an awning over the road

A full list of the Activities that require approval under Section 68 can be found in the Local Approvals Policy.

## EXEMPTIONS

The Local Approvals Policy also specifies where exemptions from the need to obtain a Section 68 approval are provided under any Act, the Regulations or Council's criteria under the Policy.

For example the Policy specifies the instances where the relevant application for Section 68 approval can be dealt with as part of Council's consideration of a development application. A typical example is when you may need to undertake stormwater drainage work as part of the development consent. Council will consider the stormwater drainage approval as part of the development application process and provide relevant conditions with regard to drainage work where appropriate.

The Local Approvals Policy can be found on the Development Page of Council's Website.

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If you have any questions regarding your application for a Section 68 Approval, please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on (02) 4350 5555.

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