

Heritage Act Delegations: City of Sydney Council



To cut red tape and reduce assessment timeframes, the Heritage Council of NSW has delegated some of its functions under the *Heritage Act 1977* to City of Sydney Council. This delegation applies within the City of Sydney Local Government Area.

What Heritage Act functions will the City of Sydney Council do?

The Heritage Council's delegation allows City of Sydney Council to grant approvals for changes to State Heritage Register listed places where the works would not have a major adverse impact – or *materially affect* – the important heritage values. The delegation also excludes applications that would impact state significant archaeology, or historic shipwrecks.

In addition to approvals under the *Heritage Act 1977*, City of Sydney Council can also provide pre-lodgement comments for works to State heritage places, as well as general terms of approval - or advising that approval will not be provided - for Integrated Development Applications under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

When does the delegation commence?

City of Sydney Council started exercising delegation on 1 September 2020.

Where do I lodge my application?

The following applications or requests should be lodged with the City of Sydney Council via either the City of Sydney Portal or the NSW Planning Portal:

- pre-lodgement comment requests
- section 60 applications
- section 65(A) modification applications
- post approval reports/ plans/ notifications (i.e. compliance with conditions or CWC).

Integrated Development Applications will continue to be lodged via the NSW Planning Portal

What about excavation permits?

All applications for excavation permits or modifications to permits (ie s140 and s144(b)) will continue to be lodged with the Heritage Council for assessment and determination.

What application form do I use?

All Heritage Act applications are done online through the Heritage Management System.

Where do I pay my application fees?

City of Sydney Council will collect fees for applications lodged with them. Fees collected by both City of Sydney Council and the Heritage Council are the same. City of Sydney Council fees and charges are updated annually.

Have the timeframes changed?

Statutory timeframes for determining applications will not change.

How will the Heritage Council know what decisions have been made?

The City of Sydney Council will regularly report to the Heritage Council what decisions have been made under delegation for monitoring and compliance.

For more information go to the Heritage NSW website and City of Sydney website.

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