

State Government Increases Statutory Planning Fees

South Gippsland Shire Council is advising residents that the State Government has undertaken a review of planning fees with a new fee structure to commence on 13 October 2016. All permit applications submitted prior to the commencement in October will be subject to the existing fee rate.

The implementation of the new fee structure follows a seven year hold on fees with the last increase implemented in 2009.

Council is informing residents of the changes in order to assist with any forward planning required for the substantial fee increase and the introduction of new fee categories. Some examples of the increases are:

Type of Application	Existing Fee	New Fee
Two Lot Subdivision	\$386	\$1241
Construct Dwelling over \$100K	\$490	\$1213 - \$1310
Use of Land	\$502	\$1241
Development \$100K-\$1m	\$604 - \$815	\$1457

These changes have been implemented by the State Government after it identified that actual cost to councils for providing these services were, in most cases, significantly higher than the current fees.

Any individuals wanting more information on the changes can contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning on 136 186 or visit the department's website <http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/about-planning/legislation-and-regulations/review-of-planning-and-subdivision-fees/table-of-planning-and-subdivision-fees>

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