



Fact Sheet No.10: Regulatory Service Fees

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This fact sheet provides an overview of the proposed new Regulatory Service Fee Schedule which is being progressed alongside the Economic Development and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

Why is a change required?

The day-to-day operations of the Minister for Economic Development Queensland (MEDQ) are carried out by Economic Development Queensland (EDQ)¹. To improve EDQ's capacity to deliver more housing and government's priorities, EDQ are taking steps to ensure its long-term financial sustainability.

For the majority of EDQ development applications, fees are lower than the comparable local government undertaking the same service, and the funding of regulatory services is heavily subsidised by EDQ. This is reflected by the fact that EDQ's fees have not increased beyond the standard CPI indexation for the past 10 years.

This impacts the service that EDQ can provide towards the assessment of development applications, and limits EDQ's ability to progress the declaration of new priority development areas (PDAs) to release more developable land for housing. It also has a detrimental impact on EDQ's financial sustainability.

To improve EDQ's capacity to facilitate the delivery of government's priorities, it will adopt a financial framework that reflects a transparent allocation of EDQ resources against activities including a new fee schedule that reflects a full cost recovery model.

While no legislative changes are required for EDQ to adopt a new fee schedule, this matter is being considered concurrently with the Economic Development and Other Legislation Amendment Bill as it is critical to enabling EDQ to respond to its expanded remit to deliver better housing outcomes.

What is proposed?

For existing PDAs, EDQ will adopt a new fee schedule for its regulatory functions to be phased-in over a two-year period commencing January 2025. For new PDAs, new fees will come into effect from inception in 2024.

The adoption of the new fee schedule will be supported by improvements to the service delivery proposition across EDQ's planning and infrastructure services focussing on optimising the outcomes achieved in PDAs. For example, improving service delivery in accordance with best practice to achieve quality places in a timely manner.

The new fee schedule will be based on a per unit charge (e.g., per square metre of gross floor area or number of lots being created) to reflect the scale and intensity of a proposed development and the amount of resources required to consider it.

¹ The Minister for Economic Development Queensland (MEDQ) as the corporation sole is the legal entity under *the Economic Development Act 2012*. However, for ease of reference, when addressing the day to day operations of the MEDQ, Economic Development Queensland is used in this fact sheet.





EDQ will not increase fees more than the total fees charged for the same use in the local government area in which each PDA is situated, and benchmarking has demonstrated they will generally remain lower than the total fees charged by the local government.

Consultation with key stakeholders and industry on the new fees for existing PDAs will occur in the third quarter of 2024. A full fee schedule for existing PDAs will be released on 1 January 2025.

Further information

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