

Fact Sheet 2

Do I Need Approval?

If you undertake “development” you may require Development Approval.

Some examples of development are:

- building or extending a house
- shed or garage
- verandah
- carport
- dependant accommodation/Granny flat
- demolition
- retaining wall
- fence over 2m high
- signs
- swimming pools
- significant tree pruning or removal
- change of use of land

According to the *Development Act 1993*, **development** can be any of the following:

- building work
- a change in the use of the land, eg. an office to a retail shop or change of crop from wheat to almonds
- the division of an allotment
- the construction or alteration of a road
- the creation of fortifications
- In relation to a State heritage place - the demolition, removal, conversion, painting of, alteration of, alteration or any other work that could materially affect the heritage value of the place

- In relation to a local heritage place – the demolition, removal, conversion, alteration of, or addition to, or any other work that could materially affect the heritage value of the place
- Any significant tree removal or tree-damaging activity (a significant tree has a circumference of 2m when measured at a height of 1m above ground level)
- Prescribed mining operations on land

Undertaking development may require a Development Application depending in the type, scale and location of the development. If development requires Development Approval, it is illegal to undertake the development without first obtaining Development Approval. If you do not obtain Development Approval when it is needed you may face prosecution or be fined. If you are unsure whether the activity you wish to undertake is development you should check with your local Council.

[The Development Act can be viewed via the Development Act link at www.planning.sa.gov.au].

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