



Media Response

28 February 2025

Please attribute the following response to Greater Dandenong City Council Executive Director, City Futures, Sanjay Manivasagasivam:

All Victorian Councils are required to report monthly to the State Government on planning permit activity including how many planning permit applications have been submitted to Council and how many planning permits are issued within the required Statutory timeframes.

This information is publicly available at the following State Government website [Guide to permit activity reporting](#).

The state target is to issue planning permit applications in 60 statutory days.

In January Greater Dandenong City Council issued 86% of all standard planning applications within the 60 Day statutory timeframe. We're consistently among the best performing councils in Victoria for applications decided on time. The current State average for January 2025 is 62%.

All planning applications are assessed on their own merits against the criteria within the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. If an application meets the criteria, a planning permit must be granted. If an application doesn't meet the criteria, a permit cannot be granted.

ENDS

Note, we clarified that the journalist meant planning permits.

Media Enquiry

26 February 2025

From Dandenong Journal

I'm writing an article on building permits and wanted to know if there's any report or anything online that could show me how often residential building permits are approved in CGD?

Also, within what timeline and what are the targets to be met?

Can I also get a comment, on what basis are building house permits denied?

What does the council look for when approving a house permit for it to be built?

Does the State Government's building permit target for each council's compromise the standards of the permit applications council needs to consider?

ENDS