

**10 August 2004**

**Subject:** Development Consents – compliance with Conditions of Consent before compliance certificate issued

**Question:**

I refer to our community's concerns about Private Certifiers and applicants who are departing from development consents. Could Council please advise of any initiatives to ensure Private Certifiers and applicants attest that Conditions of Consent have been adhered to before the issuing of a Compliance Certificate?

**Response:**

The Director Planning and Assessment Services advised that, prior to 1998, when issuing an occupation certificate there was no legislative requirement to check whether the development complied with the conditions of consent. This changed in January 2004 and now certain conditions of consent are required to be checked and certified prior to issuing an occupation certificate. In addition to this, it has been the Directors' usual practice (prior to January 2004) to add conditions of consent to all consents that require the certification of specified conditions. The Director advised that the Planning and Assessment division is currently drafting a set of new standard conditions that will tighten development control in Warringah; the standards are scheduled for completion and implementation at the beginning of September.