



Balancing growth and the environment

UDIA presents an intensive industry workshop on:

- **Avoiding Vegetation Management disasters, and**
- **Making EnviroDevelopment work for you**

VMA Clarity – discerning the wood from the trees in regulations

The *Vegetation Management Act* is a complex component of the State's environmental control framework. First introduced in 2000 to manage the clearing of remnant native vegetation, the Act was substantially toughened in 2004 to phase out broadscale land clearing by the end of 2006.

While the Act has been in place for some time now it is clear there is still a lot of uncertainty and confusion about its application, including how, when and where the controls under the Act apply, the use of offsets, and the critical issues that need to be addressed in applications. Getting it wrong can have devastating consequences for a development.

To address these concerns and dispel some of the myths about the Act and its operation, the Department of Natural Resources Mines and Water has engaged the UDIA to undertake an industry

education program to raise awareness of the statewide vegetation regime and build knowledge and confidence in working with it.

UDIA is working with Graeme Ballard, an independent consultant who has extensive knowledge and experience, not just of the statewide vegetation regime, but of the broader legislative and policy frameworks applying to development in Queensland. Graeme was previously employed by the Department of Local Government and Planning, where he was involved in the development and implementation of the *Integrated Planning Act* and related regulations.

Case studies and other real life examples will be used as much as possible to illustrate and explain the issues and a range of written material is being developed.

WORKSHOP DATES:

Gold Coast Tweed

Thursday 12 October

(Register: Susan de Vries, 5574 1515)

Northern Region (Townsville)

Friday 13 October

(Register: Christina Fenton, 3229 1589)

Toowoomba

Thursday 19 October

(Register: Christina Fenton, 3229 1589)

Fraser Coast

Friday 20 October

(Register: Christina Fenton, 3229 1589)

Brisbane

Wednesday 25 October

(Register: Holly Blank, 3229 1589)

Sunshine Coast

Thursday 26 October

(Register: Adrienne Smith, 5478 4960)

Mackay/Whitsunday

Friday 27 October

(Register: Christina Fenton, 3229 1589)

Cairns

Friday 3 November

(Register: Christina Fenton, 3229 1589)

EnviroDevelopment – harnessing the 'green vote'

Around 10% of Queenslanders (approximately 195,000 people) voted Green at the recent State Election – an interesting outcome and a rough gauge of current public sentiment towards the environment. Is your business adapting as quickly to a growing "green" market?

EnviroDevelopment – publicly launching on October 11 – presents an unprecedented system for formal recognition and marketing of sustainable outcomes in your developments.

The industry response to EnviroDevelopment since the April announcement of the concept and unveiling of the brand has been phenomenal. The first five official EnviroDevelopments have now been

certified with a number of other developers currently preparing their certification applications.

Are you now or will you in the near future be delivering significant outcomes from an environmental and sustainable point of view? Have you considered sustainability but questioned its financial viability?

This workshop will provide hands-on advice on how to prepare your EnviroDevelopment application with real-life case studies of the first five EnviroDevelopment projects.

Key insights from Dr Tanya Plant and Kirsty Chessher will help save time and money and gain you that competitive edge.



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