

ePlanning is an important and necessary initiative for the NSW planning system. I attach an extract from a report I prepared for the [REDACTED] several years ago which underlined the importance of open data access to planning decisions, facilitated by the adoption of technical standards to allow for greatest reuse of planning development application and determination data (includes planning proposals for rezoning) via machine readable formats like GeoJSON.

To sustain the ePlanning effort, and provide equitable funding to both state and local government to this end, the current use of the NSW Planning Reform Fund fee needs to be audited and reported annually to ensure monies collected from DA's under this levy are being used for the purpose(s) intended.