



eFiles Pilot Project Future Courts Program

What is eFiles?

eFiles is a new online service which makes court documents available to all court users 24 hours a day, seven days a week via the Queensland Courts website.
(www.courts.qld.gov.au).

Files are available from any computer 24 hours a day, seven days a week in PDF format.

How does eFiles work?

- eFiles is currently being trialled in the Planning and Environment Court in Brisbane from January to March 2009.
- All active Planning and Environment Court files are now available to view and download online.

To access a file:

- log on to www.courts.qld.gov.au and click on the *search civil files (eCourts)* button in the right navigation panel
- Use the *party search* function to find the file or document required
- A PDF icon will appear next to the document information if the file is available to be viewed online.

What are the benefits?

- Court users can access files without attending the court registry.
- All files are available online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Litigants, law firms and other parties are not be required to pay search or attendance fees if accessing files online.
- Regional stakeholders will be able to access files immediately.

Why choose the Planning and Environment Court?

The Planning and Environment Court in Brisbane is a relatively small and easily managed jurisdiction.

It is an ideal environment to test the effectiveness and viability of an electronic filing system.

Privacy concerns are not an issue as the Planning and Environment Court only hears matters of public concern.

If it is successful, the system will be assessed for implementation throughout the Queensland Courts.

How can I be involved?

- Use the eFiles system to access Planning and Environment Court files.
- Provide feedback about the system.
- Tell other Planning and Environment Court users about eFiles.

The eFiles Pilot Project is an initiative of the Future Courts Program.

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