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'Computer says No' - ePlanning and the Law

More than ever we rely on a computer to make decisions for us. Computers help us decide what directions to take, what food to order, what we buy on line and so on. What happens when computers make decisions that intersect with our legal rights?

Development assessment and decision making in planning attracts legal rights and responsibilities. What if the computer is wrong? What if the quality of the data being input is insufficient or poor? Who is making the decision that can be the subject of an administrative review by a Court?

As Australia moves towards an online e-planning model, these are all matters that will need to be carefully considered. This presentation will look at e-planning and what it might mean from a legal context.