

Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel - Community Representatives

Background

The NSW Government has made Independent Hearing and Assessment Panels (IHAPs) mandatory for all Councils in the Greater Sydney region and Wollongong City Council. The Panels have been put in place so that the process of assessment and determination of development applications is transparent and accountable.

The legislation passed on 1 September 2017 sets a standard model for IHAPs, comprising three independent expert members and a community member.

Council will select two IHAP members from a pool managed by the Department of Planning and Environment. They are required to be an expert in one or more of the following areas: planning, architecture, heritage, the environment, urban design, economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering, tourism or government and public administration. The Chair (selected by the Minister) is required to have expertise in law or government and public administration. The community member is to be selected by Council and is to represent the geographical area within the LGA of the proposed development.

Councillors and Mayors will not be permitted to be on the panels in their local government area, nor are property developers or real estate agents.

The Department of Planning and Environment is currently developing the guidelines and operational requirements for the IHAPs. This information will outline the applications the panels will consider, the process for reviewing applications and provide guidance on the selection of the community representative.

For further information on the legislation and IHAPs is outlined on the Department of Planning and Environment's website at www.planning.nsw.gov.au

Expression of Interest

City of Ryde is seeking initial expressions of interest from interested representatives of the local community.

Local community representatives are being sort who have a demonstrated understanding and experience in similar or related fields to the experts.

Members will be remunerated for attending panel meetings.

Panel meetings will typically be convened on a monthly basis.

Further information will be made available to all candidates when provided to Council by the Department of Environment and Planning.

How to apply

Visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay

Closing date is 22 November 2017.

Enquiries

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