



Design Review Panel

The City of Nedlands Design Review Panel (DRP) is responsible for providing the City with a range of expert advice on urban design, architecture, landscape design and sustainability aspects of proposals.

The DRP performs an advisory function only. Although the DRP does not have decision-making powers, its advice will be taken into consideration in the planning assessment and conveyed to the decision-makers once a formal application for Development Approval is lodged.

The DRP reviews proposals and provides advice against the relevant planning framework and the ten design principles set out in [State Planning Policy 7.0 – Design of the Built Environment](#).

Design review offers applicants the chance to seek technical feedback and resolve complex issues to achieve the best possible design outcome, **before** lodgement of an application for development approval.

Design Review Panel members

The DRP draws from a pool of eight external professionals, including a Chairperson and seven fellow DRP members. DRP members are appointed by Council, in accordance with the Design Review Panel Terms of Reference.

The current DRP members are:

Member	Expertise
Dominic Snellgrove	Architecture, Urban Design, Heritage, Sustainability and Environmental Design
Emma Williamson	Architecture, Urban Design, Public Art
Simon Anderson - Chair	Architecture, Urban Design, Sustainability and Environmental Design
Simon Venturi - Deputy Chair	Architecture, Urban Design, Sustainability, Environmental Design and Public Art
Tony Blackwell	Urban Design, Sustainability, Environmental Design and Public Art
Tony Casella	Architecture, Urban Design, Planning, Accessibility
Graham Agar	Sustainability, Environmental Design, Services Engineering



John Taylor

Architecture, Heritage, Sustainability,
Environmental Design, Accessibility, Planning
and Local History

Which types of proposals require referral to the Design Review Panel?

- Multiple dwellings (apartments)
- Grouped dwellings (four units or more) *[NB: Down from 10 as of 2 August 2022]*
- Development that is three or more storeys in height (excluding single houses)
- Major extensions or amendments to the above proposals (at the discretion of the City)
- Mandatory Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP) proposals (excluding schools)
- Optional Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP) proposals (unless the City considers referral is not required)
- Amendments to JDAP proposals which the City considers would benefit from DRP review.
- Any other proposal, which, in the City's opinion is complex or contentious, likely to be of a significant interest to the community, likely to have a significant impact on the streetscape, is of strategic significance, or would benefit from DRP review.
- Strategic planning proposals such as structure plans, local development plans and local planning policies with built form controls.

Proponents are encouraged to contact the City on 9273 3500 prior to lodgement to discuss whether the proposal should be referred to the DRP.

The Design Review Process

1. If you are unsure whether your development proposal needs review by the DRP, please feel free to call the Planning Services team on 9273 3500;
2. Read the Guide to Presenting to the Design Review Panel for an overview of the meeting process;
3. Complete the Design Review Panel Application Form and Checklist below, ensuring that all items listed are ready to be attached to your application;
4. Lodge a DRP Application via email to designreviewpanel@nedlands.wa.gov.au or in person at the City's Administration Centre;
5. Proposal reviewed by DRP and feedback provided to proponent;
6. Apply for development approval.



Meeting Schedule

Please submit your DRP application to the City at least 10 working days prior to the date of the DRP meeting.

These meetings are closed to the public and are held at the City of Nedlands Administration Centre each month, as detailed below:

Applications received	Date of Meeting
Friday	Monday
23 December 2022	23 January 2023
20 January 2023	13 February 2023
17 February 2023	13 March 2023
10 March 2023	3 April 2023
7 April 2023	1 May 2023
19 May 2023	12 June 2023
9 June 2023	3 July 2023
14 July 2023	7 August 2023
11 August 2023	4 September 2023
8 September 2023	2 October 2023
13 October 2023	6 November 2023
10 November 2023	4 December 2023

Additional meetings may be called for urgent matters or where the number of proposals requires. Please note meeting dates are indicative only and are subject to change.

FAQs

What is the purpose of the Design Review Panel?

The City's DRP was formed to provide independent expert advice to the City's Council, Administration and proponents on the design and site planning of specified development proposals.

The DRP facilitates an improvement in urban design and the quality of the built environment within the City of Nedlands through the provision of information, expert advice and recommendations.

When should I refer my application to the Design Review Panel?

Design review should begin well before a development application is submitted.

To get the most out of the DRP, it is recommended that proposals are referred to the DRP as early in the design process as possible (i.e. during concept stage). The design



is generally flexible at this stage and can incorporate change without impacting on time and cost constraints.

Proposals that are referred to the DRP after formal lodgement of the application may experience delays in the development application process due to requiring consideration of 'good design' at a later stage. The DRP may suggest changes to the proposal which require substantial changes thereby delaying the process.

The City also offers a Preliminary Planning Assessment service, which allows for preliminary feedback from Planning, Building, Waste, Environmental Health, Parks and Engineering.

Is there a cost associated with obtaining Design Review Panel advice?

Local Planning Policy – Design Review Panel requires that a proponent is responsible for funding 100% of the cost of a DRP meeting.

As of 2 August 2022, the following applies:

The application fee is \$5,000 plus GST. This will get a proposal 2 full DRP assessments, plus a third assessment by the Chair. Additional meetings will be \$1,700 plus GST (4 members) and \$2,100 plus GST (5 members).

Any additional reviews will be at the proponent's cost.

Who can attend a Design Review Panel meeting?

DRP meetings are not open to the public, but proponents are encouraged to attend.

What information is required?

Please refer to Local Planning Policy – Design Review Panel.

What is the format of the Design Review Panel meetings?

Each proposal for consideration shall generally be allocated 50 minutes for presentation, questions and discussion, as follows:

- Briefing and pre-review panel discussion (panel and administration only) – 10 minutes
- Applicant Presentation – 10 minutes
- Panel Questions – 10 minutes
- Panel Discussion & Assessment (panel and administration only) – 15 minutes
- Panel recommendation (panel and administration only) – 5 minutes

Will I receive a copy of the Minutes from the Design Review Panel meeting?



A copy of the minutes from the meeting will be provided to the applicant within 10 working days of the meeting date.

Proposals that are formally submitted as a development application to the City following consideration by the DRP are required to be accompanied by a statement detailing how, and the extent to which, the comments made from the DRP have been addressed.