



Overview

The City of Nedlands Design Review Panel (DRP) is responsible for providing independent and impartial recommendations to the City on the architectural and design aspects of planning proposals.

It is noted that addressing the advice of the DRP does not imply that development approval has or will be granted. While the DRP does not have decision-making powers, its advice will be taken into consideration in the assessment of the development application and conveyed to the decision-maker of the application.

This information sheet provides an overview of the design review process. For further information, please refer to the City's Local Planning Policy – Design Review Panel and Design Review Panel Terms of Reference, both available on the City's website.

Applicants are encouraged to seek the advice of the City's DRP in the early stages of the design process, prior to lodging an application for development approval. Proposals that are referred to the DRP after formal lodgement of a development application may experience delays in processing, as the DRP may make recommendations on the proposal which require substantial changes.

Design Review Process

Before the meeting

The applicant submits the Design Review Panel Application to the City, making sure to complete the Design Review Panel Application Form and Checklist. DRP applications can be made electronically to the City's email address designreviewpanel@nedlands.wa.gov.au, or in person at the City's Administration Centre.

DRP applications are to be lodged a minimum of 10 working days prior to the scheduled meeting date, which can be found at the City's website. Failure to provide all required information at least 10 working days prior to the DRP meeting date may result in the proposal being rescheduled to the next available meeting.

During the meeting

Applicants are invited to attend the meeting and provide a 10-minute presentation to the DRP, which should address the following:

- The aspirations of the proposal, as well as the contextual understanding of the site and how the proposal sits within and relates to its surroundings;



- How the proposal addresses the relevant development requirements including rationale for any departures from these; and
- How the proposal addresses the ten design principles outlined in Schedule 1 of State Planning Policy 7.0 Design for the Built Environment.

The DRP will provide design advice with regard to the ten design principles, with clear direction on the strengths of the proposal, suggested amendments/improvements, and any recommendations. If applicable, the DRP will also consider if previous design advice has been satisfied.

After the meeting

The City will provide the minutes of the meeting, including the agreed actions and relevant comments and recommendations of the DRP, to the applicant within 10 working days of the meeting.

When submitting a development application for a proposal which has been reviewed by the DRP, a statement is to be provided with the development application which details how, and the extent to which, the comments made by the DRP have been addressed.

Proposals may need to be presented to a further DRP meeting, either before or after lodgement of a development application, if:

- Major modifications were recommended by the DRP;
- The design quality of the proposal is substantially inconsistent with the proposal considered by the DRP at previous meetings;
- The City does not consider that the recommendations of the DRP have been sufficiently addressed.

If you have any questions regarding the Design Review Panel process, please contact the City's Urban Planning team on 9273 3500.