

REPORT TO GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL LPP MEETING OF FRIDAY, 05 OCTOBER 2018

LPP Report No	LPP048-18	Development Application No	18/653
Proposed Development	Operation of the Georges River Local Planning Panel		
Report prepared by	Manager Development and Building		

Recommendation	THAT Georges River Council Local Planning Panel formally consider and respond to Council in relation to the items contained in parts (b) and (c) of Council Resolution NM037-18 dated 4 April 2018
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REPORT

1. Georges River Council considered an item at its meeting of 28 May 2018 in relation to the current Practices and Procedures associated with the operation of the Georges River Council Local Planning Panel. In doing so, Council resolved (Resolution No. NM037-18) the following:
 - (a) *That the General Manager provide, as part of the quarterly report to Council on DA determinations, a listing of all items reported to the Local Planning Panel (LPP) including a summary of the Assessment Officer's recommendation and the final determination made by the Panel.*
 - (b) *That the General Manager provide the Georges River Local Planning Panel with a copy of Council's resolution of 18 December 2017 regarding the Operational Procedures of the Panel and request the Panel to formally consider and respond to Council on the matters in that resolution including (amongst others):*
 - i. *the requested commencement times for meetings of 6pm;*
 - ii. *the request for the Panel to undertake its deliberations in open session;*
 - iii. *functions of the Panel that demonstrate transparency in development decisions and accountability to the community; and*
 - iv. *access to the Panel's determinations by the applicant and the public on the same day the determination is made.*
 - (c) *That the General Manager request the Panel to Webcast its meetings.*

In accordance with Part (b) of the above, the resolution NM030-17 of the meeting held on 18 December 2017 is outline for the Panel's consideration as follows:

- (a) *That the Mayor write to the Minister for Planning, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP and the Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Ms Carolyn McNally to request that any Guidelines issued for the operation of IHAPs in NSW provide for the following:*
 - (i) *The commencement time for IHAP meetings to be no earlier than 6pm to enable residents and other community members to attend outside of usual business hours;*
 - (ii) *That Panel deliberations occur in open session;*
 - (iii) *That decisions of the Panel be published on the same day as the meeting;*

- (iv) *That IHAP meetings are scheduled on a regular basis to avoid any unnecessary delays to application determination times;*
- (b) *That the appointment of the Georges River IHAP Chairperson be undertaken as soon as possible to enable Council to establish the final operational procedures for the Panel in collaboration with the Chairperson, prior to the commencement of the new Panel in March 2018.*

CONSIDERATION

2. Based on the Council resolution, the Local Planning Panel is requested to consider each of the identified matters contained in parts (b) and (c) of Council Resolution NM037-18 dated 4 April 2018 and provide a response to Council in the context of the current operating procedures and the requirements for Local Planning Panels stipulated under the:
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
 - Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000
 - Local Planning Panel Codes of Conduct; and
 - Any relevant Department of Planning Guidelines

RECOMMENDATION

3. THAT Georges River Council Local Planning Panel formally consider and respond to Council in relation to the items contained in parts (b) and (c) of Council Resolution NM037-18 dated 4 April 2018