



Alternate Sydney Western City Planning Panel (SWCPP) Council Members (non-Councillors)

POLICY

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DIRECTORATE: Planning and Compliance

BUSINESS UNIT: Development Assessment

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Sydney District and Regional Planning Panels operate across New South Wales to provide independent, merit-based decision making on developments defined as 'Regionally Significant' by the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- 1.2. The Sydney Western City Planning Panel (SWCPP) operates in the Sydney Western City District, to which the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA) is located.
- 1.3. The SWCPP is to consist of three (3) State Members, and two (2) Council Members, with the Council Members to be appointed by the relevant Council.
- 1.4. To mitigate any situation where Council Members and the alternate Council Members are unavailable to carry out panel functions, additional alternate Council Members are necessary.
- 1.5. The Liverpool Local Planning Panel (LPP) Community Representatives are to be appointed as additional alternate SWCPP Council Members.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1. This policy aims to detail the selection, appointment, and remuneration of Liverpool LPP Community Representatives as alternate SWCPP Council Members (non-Councillors).

3. SCOPE

- 3.1. This policy applies to the selection, appointment, and remuneration of alternate SWCPP Council Members (non-Councillors).

4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1. A word or expression in this policy has the same meaning as it has in the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act), and any instruments made under the Act, unless it is otherwise defined in this Policy.
- 4.2. In this policy-

4.2.1. Act means the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

4.2.2. Council means Liverpool City Council

4.2.3. Department means Department of Planning and Environment

4.2.4. RPA means Relevant Planning Authority

4.2.5. SWCPP means Sydney Western Sydney Planning Panel

4.2.6. Liverpool LPP means Liverpool Local Planning Panel

4.2.7. Sydney District Planning Panel means a Sydney District Planning Panel constituted under Clause 9 of Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

5. POLICY STATEMENT

5.1. In accordance with the Act, and *Sydney District & Regional Planning Panels Operational Procedures*, a Sydney District Planning Panel, i.e. the SWCPP, is to consist of the following five (5) members:

- **State Members** – Three (3) members (including the chair), appointed by the Minister for Planning, and
- **Council Members** – Two (2) members appointed by the relevant Council, who are Councillors, members of Council staff, or other persons nominated by the Council.

5.2. The *Sydney District & Regional Planning Panels Operational Procedures*, Section 4.4 - Council Members, identifies the need for a pool of alternate panel members.

6. POLICY

This policy specifies how alternate SWCPP Council Members (non-Councillors) will be selected, appointed, and remunerated when participating in SWCPP meetings.

6.1. Selection of Alternate Council Members

The Liverpool LPP Community Representatives will act as alternate Council Members (non-Councillors) for nominated SWCPP meetings, as required by the Department.

6.2. Appointment of Alternate Council Members

The alternate Council Members (non-Councillors) are to be the same as those appointed as Liverpool LPP Community Representatives, which are appointed as per the relevant Council and Department guidelines.

6.3. Remuneration

Alternate Council Members (non-Councillors) shall receive the same remuneration as a SWCPP Council Member, as per Council's *Civic Expenses and Facilities Policy*.

4. RELEVANT LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979
Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2021

RELATED POLICIES & PROCEDURE REFERENCES

NSW Government Planning Panels: Sydney District & Regional Planning Panels Operational Procedures (November 2022)
Liverpool City Council: Civic Expenses and Facilities Policy (August 2022)

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This date is the date the policy is adopted by Council resolution.

REVIEW DATE

April 2025

The policy must be reviewed every two years or more frequently depending on its category or if legislative or policy changes occur.

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