

Attachment A

**Correspondence from the Department of
Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
dated 3 June 2026**

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Subject: Updated chair pool for City of Sydney Local Planning Panel approved by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Dear Ms Barone

Thank you for the copy of the resignation of the Hon. Dr Robert Stoke from his position as Chair, City of Sydney Local Planning Panel, forwarded by council on 24 October 2025; and for council's advice on 24 November 2025 regarding council's preferred candidates for the vacant role.

The Hon. Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, has considered your preferences and approved the addition of Jacqueline Townsend to the pool of approved chairs for the City of Sydney Local Planning Panel. The approved pool is now:

Chair: Graham Brown

Alternate Chair: Janette Murrell

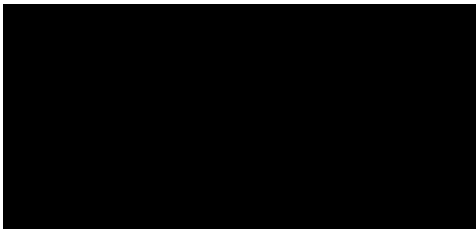
Alternate Chair: Jacqueline Townsend

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Council will need to follow its internal processes to update its appointments before the new chair can participate in panel decisions. Only the chair and alternate chairs approved by the Minister can be appointed to a local planning panel. In accordance with *Local Planning Panels Direction – Appointment of Members* (26 May 2024), the letter of appointment should require the chair to agree to abide by the *Code of Conduct for Local Planning Panel Members*.

If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Laird, Director, Planning Panels Team on 02 8275 1074 or at nathan.p.laird@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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