

# **Attachment B**

**Correspondence from the Minister for  
Planning and Public Spaces  
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Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

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Dear Council

I am pleased to advise Council that I have approved Dr Robert Stokes as Chair and Janette Murrell and Graham Brown as Alternate Chairs for appointment to Sydney, Council of the City of Local Planning Panel (panel). Only the chair and alternate chairs approved by me can be appointed to your panel.

I have also approved a list of independent experts from which Council is to select at least fifteen members for appointment to its panel. Details of Council's chairs and the independent expert list, along with their curricula vitae have been provided electronically to your nominated contact to proceed with appointment of your panel members.

All approved chairs and experts have successfully cleared probity checks meaning they do not have a bankruptcy or criminal record. Each has provided a statutory declaration that they are not a developer or real estate agent.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has developed a guide to assist councils through the selection and appointment process for panels. This is available at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-11/local-planning-panels-fact-sheet.pdf.%C2%A0](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-11/local-planning-panels-fact-sheet.pdf.%C2%A0).

Council will need to appoint its approved chairs, expert members and community representatives ahead of 1 July 2024 for a term through to 30 June 2027. Councils is reminded

that it must comply with the six-year maximum term for any panel member. This may limit continuing members and the expiry date of their term.

Please follow the Local Planning Panels Direction – Appointment of New Members, at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-02/local-planning-panels-direction-appointment-of-new-members-from-24-april-2023.pdf](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-02/local-planning-panels-direction-appointment-of-new-members-from-24-april-2023.pdf).

Council must also make sure that new panel members agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for Local Planning Panel Members when accepting their appointment. The Code of Conduct for Local Planning Panel Members, further Local Planning Panels Directions and the Local Planning Panels Remuneration Determination can be found at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/assess-and-regulate/development-assessment/local-planning-panels/statutory-rules-for-local-planning](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/assess-and-regulate/development-assessment/local-planning-panels/statutory-rules-for-local-planning).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your Council's ongoing co-operation in supporting the independence and efficient operation of its panel.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms Aoife Wynter, Director, Planning Panels at the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure on 8289 6816 or [enquiry@planningpanels.nsw.gov.au](mailto:enquiry@planningpanels.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Scully". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Paul Scully MP**

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces