# **Establishing Design Review in the Regions**





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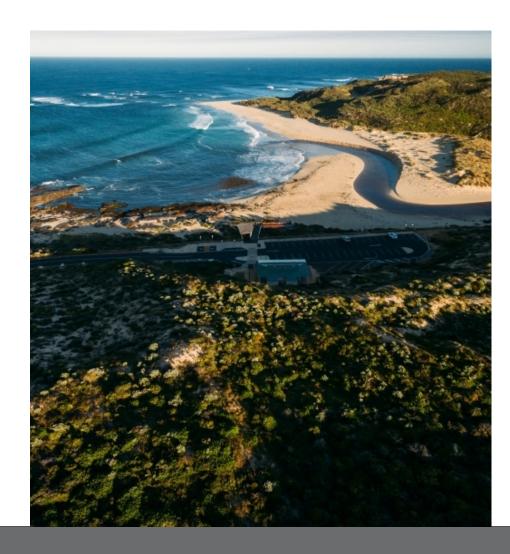








- Difficult for the following reasons:
  - i. Smaller local authorities without planners
  - ii. Smaller budgets
  - iii. Low numbers of large applications to warrant a dedicated design review process
  - iv. Smaller pool of experts
- Regional collaboration occurs on other local government functions, such as waste, coastal processes and emergency management
- A joint Design Review Panel was seen as an option for design review for smaller local governments



# Benefits of a joint panel







Pros:

Easier to

establish

Cons:

Increased

cost

High risk of conflict of interest
Smaller pool of experts to draw
from

South West



Pros:

Lower cost for establishment and maintenance Lower risk of conflict of interest Greater pool of experts to draw from Can be accessed by smaler LG's

Cons:

Coordinating multiple Local Governments
Establishing Structure

# **Design review in the regions**













# **Approach**

- Memorandum of Understanding to establish collaborative working
- Terms of Reference to establish operational **functions**
- Use of Local Planning Policy to allow each LG to customise thresholds and fees and charges.
- Equal contribution to establishment, user pays thereafter











### Local Planning Policy 2 **Design Review**



#### March 2021

Local Planning Policies are guidelines used to assist the local government in making decisions under the Scheme. In considering an application for planning approval, the local government must have due regard to the relevant Local Planning Policies.

This policy is established in accordance with Division 2 of the Deemed Provisions of Local Planning Scheme No.1.

The purpose of this policy is to augment the Shire's development assessment process and projects by providing design input from an independent panel of design experts.

The Shire is part of a South West Joint Design Review Panel, which will operate in accordance with the process outlined by the State Government Design Review Guide - Guidance for local governments (the Design Review Guide), as augmented by the adopted Terms of Reference.

Applies to development or Shire projects that meet the threshold set out at Part 2.

#### Objectives

- Ensure higher quality built form outcomes and an improved public realm through Design Review of development applications and Shire projects.
- Outlines the types of applications that will require design review
- Set out the weight afforded to the advice provided by a Design Review Panel. Establish process for fees and charges.

#### Interpretations

"Design Review" means an independent and impartial evaluation process in which experts on the built environment assess the design of a proposal.

"Design Review Panel" means a selected panel of experts who undertake a design review of

"Terms of Reference" means the adopted Terms of Reference that establishes the role and functioning of the South West Joint Design Review Panel.

#### Policy

- 1. Design Review process
- The Shire is to establish and maintain a Design Review Panel to undertake Design Review for matters outlined at Part 2.
- The establishment and operation of the panel is to occur in accordance with an

LOCAL PLANNING POLICY 2 DESIGN REVIEW

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# **Key Challenges**

BUNBURY









- **Procurement**
- Flow onto hosting arrangements
- City of Busselton 'hosting' DRP admin function, holding contracts
- Admin fee charged by Busselton when an item is presented.



**Fundra** 

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#### Exhibition details region's rich past for Family History Month

**Expression of Interest** 

**South West Joint** 

**Design Review Panel** 

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For more information on the expression of interest, the SWUD Review Panel and to submit your application, please visit www.amrshina.wa. auxplanning-and-building/delaynee/wayner for contact the Shire's Planning and Development Services on (08) 9780 5220.

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FOI closes from Wednesday 23 August.

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### CEMETERY

buildings are now nothing but rubble, as construction workers make way for the \$17.42 million develop-

Once complete, the facility is expected to be among the best on

September 2024.

take a week to clear, with construc-

It is understood the debris will

tion then expected to start immedi-

ly Park for the women and Payne Park for the league, reserves and

ment funding, Sport and Recre-ation Minister David Templeman



### Expression of Interest

### **South West Joint Design Review Panel**

Margaret River, Collie and Harvey are calling an expression of interest for panel members to make up the inaugural South West Joint Design (SWJD) Review Panel pool.

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EOI closes 5pm Wednesday 23 August.











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### Implementation.

- Pool size
- Contract Issues
- **Administration Processes**











### New South West Joint Design Review Panel to be hosted by City of Busselton

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The first meeting of an innovative new South West Joint Design Review Panel will be hosted by the City of Busselton on 31 May 2024. This is a shared initiative between the Cities of Busselton and Bunbury and the Shires of Augusta Margaret River, Collie and Harvey.

The panel comprises professionals in the fields of architecture, urban design, landscape architecture, heritage, sustainability and environmental design, town planning, arts and culture, and will meet monthly to provide design advice on development applicatio structure plans, design guidelines and any local government projects occurring in the five local government areas. Each participating local government will determine the types of applications and projects requiring design input.

The panel will operate within an agreed terms of reference forged by the five local governments, and design feedback will be provided in response to ten design principles listed in State Planning Policy 7.0 (Design of the Built Environment).

Mayor Phill Cronin welcomed this new initiative, "The City is delighted to be the host for the first two years and our team looks forward to collaborating with industry professionals and other local governments to deliver quality design outcomes in our communities."

The panel will be chaired by architect Craig Smith who said, "The panel has a great mix of capable senior professionals, including local experts, with a wide range of experience in building, landscape, environment and planning. Design reviews not only create better buildings and places but can add to the public benefit and the economic success through projects that are innovative, distinctive, and memorable."

Mr Smith also noted, "Reviews should find a balance between the intended future character of a place and as positive response to its cultural and heritage setting. Consistent improvement in design is a key dynamic in the process of creating better environments for all of us to enjoy."

Deputy Chair and urban design expert, Malcolm Mackay, also sits on a range of other panels around WA. He stated, "Good design is every bit as relevant in the regions as it is in the Perth metropolitan area and is particularly relevant in the South West of WA where better design can increase its appeal and thus help to support tourism related activities and employment and improve the lifestyle for people who call the

There will be no charge to the proponent for up to three design reviews, provided one occurs prior to lodgement of a development application. Should another design review be required, the fees to be paid to the City will be in accordance with the adopted fees and

For further details, please visit the City's website.

Objectives outlined in this statement are aligned with the City of Busselton's Strategic Community Plan (2021 - 2031) Key Themes Opportunity: A vibrant City with diverse apportunities and a prosperous economy.

Ends. Media enquiries can be directed to pr@busselton.wa.gov.au



# Progress to date...











- 5 meetings to date with 5 matters reviewed.
- Shire of Capel joined the Panel, used by other regional Local Governments
- 5 locally based experts included in panel to develop reginal skillset in Design Review.
- QR Code for administrative documents:



