



**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**  
**FOR THE**  
**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**20 MAY 2021**

## 7 CORPORATE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### 7.5 Appointment of Community Representatives to the Local Planning Panel and Council and Community Representatives of the Southern Region Planning Panel

**Report Author:** Group Manager Planning, Development and Regulatory Services

**Authoriser:** Acting Deputy General Manager

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to appoint additional community representatives to the Interim Independent Advisory Assessment Panel and the Local Planning Panel to be established under Part 2, Division 2.5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The report also seeks to appoint additional expert members to the Interim Independent Advisory Assessment Panel and also alter the Council representatives on the Southern Region Planning Panel.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

##### **THAT**

1. The following community members be appointed to the Interim Independent Advisory Assessment Panel and the Local Planning Panel (once established) until 1 February 2024.
  - Richard Colley
  - Chris McCann
  - William (Bill Davidson)
  - Robert Staas
  - Denis McManus
  - Anthony Geoffrey Neill
2. The following additional experts be appointed to the Interim Independent Advisory Assessment Panel to broaden the panel membership to be consistent with the number of experts available within other Planning Panels.
  - Linda Kelly
  - Brian McDonald
3. The current Council representative Duncan Gair and alternate Council representative Graham McLaughlin and the community representative Carl Peterson and alternate community representative Jim Gilvarry be removed from membership of the Southern Region Planning Panel and the following members be appointed until 1 February 2024:
  - Julie Walsh (Council Representative)
  - Michael Mantei (Council Representative – Alternate)
  - Stephen Leathley (Council Representative – Alternate)



**And appoint the following community representatives to the Southern Region Planning Panel until 1 February 2024:**

- **Richard Colley**
  - **Chris McCann**
  - **William (Bill Davidson)**
  - **Robert Staas**
  - **Denis McManus**
  - **Anthony Geoffrey Neill**
4. **The former Council representative and alternate, Duncan Gair and Graham McLaughlin and former community representatives and alternate Carl Peterson and Jim Gilvarry be formally thanked for their contribution to the Southern Regional Planning Panel.**
  5. **The Acting General Manager notify the Department of Planning Industry and Environment of the appointed community representatives to the Local Planning Panel (once established) for the Local Government Area.**
  6. **The Acting General Manager notify the Department of Planning Industry and Environment of the appointed Council representatives to the Southern Region Planning Panel.**

**BACKGROUND**

At the meeting held on 24 March 2021, Council resolved to establish a Local Planning Panel (LPP) for Wingecarribee Shire Council in accordance with Part 2, Division 2.5, Section 2.17 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to consider:

- a) All development applications ordinarily referred to Council for a decision and applications and matters required to be reported to a LPP as prescribed in the Local Planning Panel Direction – Development Applications and Applications to Modify Development Consents
- b) All Planning Proposals and make recommendations to the Council with regard to the merits.

At this meeting Council also resolved that until a Local Planning Panel is formally established by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, an Interim Independent Assessment Advisory Panel be established.

At the meeting on 26 April 2021 as a part of the Interim Administrator's Minute, Council resolved that the Acting General Manager immediately commence the process of expanding and refreshing the community representation base of the Interim Independent Advisory Assessment Panel and the Local Planning Panel (once established).

**REPORT**

Council undertook further advertising and promotion for a period of 20 days to seek community representatives for the Interim Independent Advisory Assessment Panel / Local Planning Panel.

## SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Thursday 20 May 2021

### REPORT ACTING DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER



In response to Council's advertisement period between 31 March 2021 and 19 April 2021 a total of thirty four (34) submissions were received from the community.

A selection panel comprising of the Acting General Manager, Acting Deputy General Manager and the Group Manager Planning, Development and Regulatory Services reviewed all nominations received.

The Panel recommended the following community members community representatives to the Interim Independent Advisory Assessment Panel / Local Planning Panel until 1 February 2024:

- Richard Colley
- Chris McCann
- William (Bill Davidson)
- Robert Staas
- Denis McManus
- Anthony Geoffrey Neill

The appointed community representatives will be programmed / rostered to the panel in accordance with the established operational guidelines.

In order to increase the number of experts appointed to the Interim Independent Advisory Assessment Panel to ensure an appropriate quorum should panel members have conflicts of interest, it is proposed to increase the number of independent panel experts from 4 to 6. The increase in independent experts will also ensure consistency with the level of expert membership of other local planning panels operating within the Sydney Metropolitan areas.

Accordingly, it is proposed that Linda Kelly and Brian McDonald be appointed independent experts to the Interim Independent Advisory Assessment Panel. Both experts are highly experienced town planners and Brian also has qualifications in architecture and heritage which will provide additional expertise to the panel.

Given the suspension of the elected Council by the Office of Local Government, Council currently does not have any Councillor membership on the Southern Region Planning Panel. In order to address this, it is proposed that the current Local Planning Panel chair and alternate chair members be approved by the Minister be appointed as Council's representatives to the SRPP until February 1, 2024.

To ensure consistency between the Local Planning Panel and also the Southern Region Planning Panel, it is proposed that the community representatives appointed to the LPP also be appointed to the SRPP. These proposed changes will increase the membership of the community representation for the SRPP from two (2) members to six (6).

---

## COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION

### Community Engagement

Not applicable

### **Internal Communication and Consultation**

Nil

### **External Communication and Consultation**

Staff have liaised with the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE). It is noted that DPIE is currently in the process of re-appointing Chairs and Independent Experts to existing Local Planning Panels which will be effective from 1 July 2021 for a 2.5-year term. It is proposed that the community representatives will be appointed also for a 2.5-year term following resolution of Council.

Council undertook advertising and promotion for a period of 20 days to seek community representatives for the Interim Independent Advisory Assessment Panel / Local Planning Panel. This occurred between 31 March 2021 and 19 April 2021, with Council receiving a total of thirty four (34) submissions.

## **SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT**

- **Environment**

There are no environmental issues in relation to this report.

- **Social**

There are no social issues in relation to this report.

- **Broader Economic Implications**

There are no broader economic implications in relation to this report.

- **Culture**

There are no cultural issues in relation to this report.

- **Governance**

There are no governance issues in relation to this report.

## **COUNCIL BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Council has established a budget allocation within the March 2021 quarterly review process to appropriately cover the cost of community representation on the panel. For future years, an allocation has been included in the draft 2021/22 Operational Plan and Budget.

## **RELATED COUNCIL POLICY**

Nil

## **CONCLUSION**

This report recommends the appointment of six (6) additional community representatives to be available to participate on the Interim Independent Assessment Advisory Panel / Local Planning Panel and Southern Region Planning Panel for the Wingecarribee Shire Local

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING  
OF COUNCIL**

Thursday 20 May 2021

**REPORT ACTING DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER**

---



Government Area. With the suspension of the Council it is necessary to also appoint new Council representatives to the Southern Region Planning Panel to ensure that Council has the appropriate level of representation on regionally significant applications.

---

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments to this report.

Les McMahon  
**Acting General Manager**

Wednesday 19 May 2021