

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FOR

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ON THE STRATHFIELD LOCAL PLANNING PANEL



PROPOSE OF THIS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Strathfield Council is seeking expressions of interests from suitable people to add to the current pool of available community representatives on Council's Strathfield Local Planning Panel (SLPP). Currently appointed community representatives are not required to make a new submission.

Under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* all Sydney councils are required to have local planning panels. A local planning panel is panel of independent experts that determine development applications on behalf of Council and provide advice on other planning matters, including planning proposals. The panel consists of a chair, two independent experts, plus a community representative.

Community representatives are appointed to bring local knowledge and experience to the local planning panel. Community representatives should be selected from the local community. Community representatives are not expected to be experts in planning matters.

ABOUT STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

Strathfield Council is a medium sized Council located in Sydney's Inner West. The Council covers the suburbs of Strathfield, Strathfield South, Homebush, Homebush West, Belfield (part) and Greenacre (part).

Council's administrative offices are located at 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

Information about Council's operations may be obtained from Council's website at www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au or from Council's Customer Service Centre on 9748 9999.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Local community representatives must:

- A. be a current resident within the Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA)
- B. have an understanding of the Strathfield LGA and issues of concern to the local community
- C. have the capacity to form independent views and to contribute constructively to the determination of applications
- D. be able to demonstrate a basic level of understanding of the planning system, i.e. knowledge of the council's local environmental plan, development control plan, local strategic planning statement or community strategic plan
- E. be committed to:
 - i. following the *Code of Conduct for Local Planning Panel Members* and the Local Planning Panels Operational Procedures;
 - ii. attending local planning panel meetings and completing panel business in required timeframes; and
 - iii. completing declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest declarations and keeping such declarations up to date.

Mayors, councillors, property developers and real estate agents are not eligible for appointment to local planning panels.

The *Code of Conduct for Local Planning Panel Members*, Local Planning Panels Operational Procedures, and other information provided by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment ('the Department') can be accessed at:

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Assess-and-Regulate/Development-Assessment/Local-Planning-Panels/Statutory-rules>

All applicants must be willing to participate in and complete any probity checks as required by Council and/or the Department. Such checks may include:

- public register of real estate agents check
- bankruptcy record check
- National Police check (ACIC)
- Provision of a statutory declaration stating that the applicant's submission is true and accurate; the applicant is eligible to be a community representative and does not within one of the categories that prohibits membership as a community representative.

REMUNERATION

Community representatives are only remunerated for their work on a local planning panel. Merely being appointed to the pool of community representatives does not warrant any remuneration.

The Minister has made a remuneration determination setting minimum per meeting rates for panel members. The determination is available, along with the Minister's Local Planning Panels Directions, at:

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Assess-and-Regulate/Development-Assessment/Local-Planning-Panels/Statutory-rules>

CONTACT PERSON

The Contact Person for this Expression of Interest (EOI) is:

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Executive Manager Corporate Compliance and General Counsel

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SUBMISSION INCLUSIONS

Applicants must submit the following information:

- ☐ Written statement confirming their eligibility and addressing each of the Selection Criteria (A to E);
- ☐ The details of two (2) referees (work or character);
- ☐ Current curriculum vitae.

LODGEMENT

Applications may be submitted electronically or in hardcopy.

- Electronic lodgement

Applications can be emailed to tender@strathfield.nsw.gov.au
with the subject of 'EOI 1.2022 – SLPP Community Representative'

- Applications may be made in hardcopy form – in person or by mail:

These should be lodged in a sealed envelope and sent to:

Strathfield Council
RE: EOI 1.2022 – SLPP Community Representative
(Attn: Geoff Baker)
PO Box 120
Strathfield NSW 2135

CLOSING DATE

The closing date and deadline for receipt of EOI submissions is **4:00 PM on Monday, 14 March 2022.**