



CUMBERLAND  
CITY COUNCIL

## CUMBERLAND LOCAL PLANNING PANEL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In March 2018, the CLPP commenced as the consent authority for certain development applications and provides advice/recommendations on planning proposals.

A Ministerial Direction issued under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 outlines the kind of applications that are to be determined by the CLPP. The schedule of categories guiding the types of development to be determined by the Panel includes:

- Conflict of interest
- Contentious development
- Departure from development standards
- Sensitive development

A Determination Panel comprises of four members including the Chair (selected by the Minister for Planning), two professionals with expertise in urban design, urban planning or other related field (selected by Council from a pool of candidates managed by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment), and one community representative selected from a pool of members appointed by Council (being one from each Ward within the Cumberland Local Government Area).

Community members are required to:

- Be current residents within the Cumberland City Council Local Government Area (LGA) and the applicable ward being nominated.
- Be able to work within a team.
- Have a knowledge and awareness of the Cumberland LGA, planning issues and matters of concern to the local community.
- Be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of the planning process and assessment issues.
- Be able to represent and communicate the interests of the local community.
- Commit to attending the Panel meetings and site inspections as and when required.
- Be able to contribute constructively to the determination of applications with a focus on local community issues.
- Not be a staff member of Cumberland City Council.
- Be willing to adhere to the Planning Panels Operational Guidelines and Local Planning Panels Code of Conduct.
- Applicants are required to be aware that under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 those ineligible to become panel members (and will not be considered) include:
  - An elected Councillor of any council,
  - A property developer within the meaning of section 96GB of the [Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981](#),
  - A real estate agent within the meaning of the [Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002](#).

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