



Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel Member

Lake Macquarie City Council Representative

About the Role

Regional Planning Panels (RPPs) came into effect on 1 March 2018 with the legislative changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Lake Macquarie City Council is a member of the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel.

Regional Planning Panels are independent bodies that determine regionally significant development applications.

Regional Planning Panels consist of five members:

- Three members appointed by the Minister (State members)
- Two nominees from Council

We are seeking a permanent and a casual member, to represent Lake Macquarie City on the panel.

Both appointments will be for a period of three years and will be in accordance with the provisions in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, associated regulations and the Operational Procedures adopted by the Regional Planning Panel Secretariat.

The casual member will be called upon when the permanent member is unavailable or notifies of a pecuniary interest in a matter. The casual has the same level of responsibility as the permanent member, when they are acting in the role.

Selection Criteria

The successful applicant will have:

- demonstrated expertise in at least one of the following: planning, architecture, heritage, the environment, urban design, land economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering or tourism;
- experience in development assessment or as a member on an assessment panel;
- knowledge of the Hunter and Central Coast regions and the local planning issues.
- Ability to act independently and represent community concerns.

Other Important Information

Funding and Remuneration

Panel members are entitled to remuneration.

Meetings and Site Inspection

Meetings are held in accordance with the Act with determination meetings open to the public. Panel members are required to familiarise themselves with the agenda and documents prior to the meeting.

Site inspections will be organised by Council, however Panel members will provide their own transport for the inspections.

The Panels determination and reasons for determination will be made publically available and accessible.

Ethics and Code of Conduct Standards

Members of the RPP must operate in accordance with:

- Planning NSW's *Planning Panel Operational Procedures*
- Planning NSW's *Planning Panel Code of Conduct*
- Council's *Code of Conduct*
- Council's *Business Ethics Policy*