

State Design Review Panel EOI information sheet

About the State Design Review Panel (SDRP)

The SDRP is a multidisciplinary group of highly experienced built environment professionals who provide independent advice on the design quality of major development proposals. It is a committee of the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) and is chaired by the Government Architect.

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of Interest are invited from qualified and experienced professionals to join the SDRP pool for a two or four-year term commencing mid-2026.

Disciplines sought

Architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, Aboriginal engagement and designing with Country, planning, heritage, sustainability (including environmental design, systems ecology, urban water expertise), transport planning, civil, structural and services, engineering, public art.

Design review sessions and availability

Sessions are typically held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, Perth. Panel members may also be expected to attend training, workshops and briefings.

Panel members are expected to make themselves reasonably available when invited to participate. Reviews occur during business hours and require approximately three hours per session, plus preparation time. Please consider your capacity before applying.

Remuneration

As per the [Terms of Reference](#):

- SDRP members receive sitting fees as determined by the Minister for Planning on advice from the Public Sector Commission and are reviewed from time to time. Current rates are \$537 for a half day or \$825 for a full day.
- Eligibility for remuneration will be in accordance with [State Government Boards and Committees - Premier's Circular 2025/15, Commonwealth](#). State and local government employees may not be eligible for remuneration.
- Travel allowances may apply for interstate members, in line with relevant guidelines and policy. Please note that online attendance via Teams is available and this is the preferred arrangement.

Probity and confidentiality

Panel members must comply with all WAPC governance and probity requirements, including:

- Declaring any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest before participating in reviews.
- Maintaining confidentiality of all project information and discussions, both during and after the review process.
- Acting with integrity and impartiality in line with public sector governance frameworks.

Assessment

Applications will be assessed by an evaluation panel against the selection criteria outlined in the SDRP Terms of Reference. Consistent with Western Australian Government guidance for boards and committees, there will be a commitment to diversity in representation, including gender, age, cultural background, professional skills and regional representation.

How to apply

Submit your application via the [online application form](#). You will need to provide:

- Current employment details.
- A CV in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet [CV pro forma](#) (maximum two A4 pages).
- Contact details of two referees.
- Responses to selection criteria (see below).

Selection criteria

Applicants must address and demonstrate the following criteria:

- *Demonstrated qualifications, expertise and experience in urban design, architecture, landscape architecture or related built environment disciplines relevant to the design of significant and complex built environment projects, and as per the SDRP member category nominated. This includes professional association memberships where appropriate.*
- *Extensive demonstrated experience in design review (as outlined in the SDRP Design Review Manuals, or a similar process) of significant and complex development proposals.*
- *Demonstrated ability to analyse, evaluate and offer objective and constructive qualitative feedback pertaining to built environment design quality.*
- *Demonstrated application of the ten principles of good design of State Planning Policy 7.0 - Design of the Built Environment. Include examples of how these principles have informed your work.*
- *Demonstrated excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to communicate clearly with design, development and planning professionals regarding complex design matters.*
- *An understanding of the Western Australian planning system.*
- *Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of governance and probity requirements in a State government setting including conflicts of interest and confidentiality, along with awareness of responsibilities under relevant public sector governance frameworks.*

Word limit: Up to 350 words per criterion.