DESIGN REVIEW
LOCAL PLANNING POLICY

1. Head of Power

This Local Planning Policy has been adopted pursuant to Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015, Schedule 2 (Deemed Provisions), Clause 4.

2. Application

This policy is applicable to development across the whole of the City that meets the thresholds as outlined in Part 6.2 below.

3. Definitions

Design Review means an independent and impartial evaluation process in which experts on the built environment assess the design of the proposal.

Panel means the selected panel of experts who undertake a design review of the proposal.

Scheme means the *City of Karratha Local Planning Scheme NO. 8.*

4. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline when Design Review will be required by the City and how the process will be undertaken.

5. Objectives

This policy aims to:

- Improve the design quality and functionality of new development within the City through Design Review of relevant proposals; and
- Encourage the principles of good design by which new development will be assessed; and
- Ensure heritage, character and natural features of the area are protected and reflected in new development; and
- Outline the process and responsibilities for referring proposals and other planning documents for design review.

6. Policy Provisions/Statement

6.1 Design Review Process

    6.1.1 The Design Review will provide advice against the principles as outlined in State Planning Policy 7.0 Design of the Built Environment.

    6.1.2 The City will use a nominated consultant or Panel to undertake Design Review for applications outlined in Part 6.2 of this policy.

    6.1.3 The Design Review performs an advisory function, and the decision maker shall give due regard to the consultant or Panels advice. The design review does not report on compliance with planning Schemes and policies.

6.1.4 The City encourages proponents to undertake design review early in the design concept stage, prior to the submission of a development application. A number of referrals to the Panel may be required depending on the complexity of the proposal.

6.2 Threshold

The design review process may apply to:

6.2.1 All Development Assessment Panels applications, where there is a design element that may impact on the character, appearance or streetscape of an area; or

6.2.2 Major development proposals where there is a design element that may have a significant impact on the character, appearance, or streetscape of an area at the discretion of the City; or

6.2.3 Any other planning proposal (e.g. Scheme Amendment, Structure Plan, Precinct Plan, Local Planning Policy, Local Development Plan, Design Guidelines; or City project) relating to the design of development and places may be referred to the Design Review Panel at the discretion of the City.

The purpose of the panel is to provide independent, expert advice on the design quality of the proposed development to the applicant, City officers, Council and the decision maker, to encourage innovative, high-quality designs that meet the needs of all stakeholders and the community.

Note 1: All 'Single Houses' are excluded from consideration under this Policy.

6.3 Fees and Charges

6.3.1 No charge will be incurred by the proponent for up to three design reviews, provided at least one of those occur prior to lodgement of a development application;

6.3.2 The proponent shall reimburse the City for the sitting fees of Design Review Panel members for all subsequent Design Review Panel meetings;

6.3.3 Fees are to be paid to the City in accordance with Council's adopted schedule of fees and charges.

Related Documents

Legislation & Local Laws	*Planning and Development Act 2005*
	Planning and Development Regulations 2009
	Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015
	City of Karratha Local Planning Scheme No. 8

Policy Owner

Directorate	*Development Services*
Department	*Planning Services*

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