



**SUPPLEMENTARY  
BUSINESS PAPER  
(Late Item Memo)  
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

**Wednesday 21 February 2018  
at 8:00PM**



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**ITEM 1**      **PL6/18 - Deferred Report - Planning Panels - Appointment of Expert and Community Members**

<i>Additional information with CHANGE to Recommendation</i>
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Council at its meeting on 14 February 2018, considered Group Manager's Report No. PL4/18 to seek endorsement of nominees for the technical expert and community member positions on the Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP), community member positions on the Sydney North Planning Panel (SNPP), and confirm the IHAP meeting arrangements. Council resolved that:

1. *That Group Manager's Report No. PL4/18 concerning the nomination of technical expert and community member positions on an Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel for Hornsby Shire be received and noted.*
2. *Council write to the Hon. Anthony Roberts, Minister for Planning requesting an urgent meeting to request an exemption for Hornsby Shire Council with respect to the establishment of an Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel.*
3. *Should Council be unsuccessful in obtaining an exemption with respect to the establishment of an Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel, that Group Manager's Report No. PL4/18 be again presented to Council for its consideration at its meeting in March.*

On 15 February 2018, Council wrote to the Minister for Planning requesting an urgent meeting to request an exemption for Hornsby Shire Council with respect to the establishment of an Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel. On the same day, Council received a letter from the Minister for Planning advising that to ensure that Council complies with its legal obligations under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, it will need to constitute an IHAP before 1 March 2018 so that planning processes the Hornsby Shire are not interrupted. If Council has not constituted an IHAP by this date, the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* empowers the Minister to appoint a panel on Council's behalf.

The Minister has requested that Council confirm the constitution of its IHAP and notify the Department of the members to be appointed by 22 February 2018. It is understood that a similar request has been made of all Councils that have not yet advised the Department of their nominated Panel Members.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT:

1. Council write to the Hon. Anthony Roberts, Minister for Planning reiterating its request for an exemption for Hornsby Shire Council with respect to the establishment of an Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel.
2. Should Council be unsuccessful in obtaining an exemption with respect to the establishment of an Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel, the Minister be advised that:
  - 2.1 Council endorse Juliet Grant and Peter Fryar to serve as technical expert members and Garry Fielding, Steven Layman and Mary-Lynne Taylor to serve as the alternate technical expert members on the Hornsby Shire IHAP for a three year term.
  - 2.2 Council endorse Brian Scarsbrick (A Ward), Jerome Cox (B Ward) and Barbara Wynn (C Ward) to serve as community members and John Filocamo to serve as the alternate on the Hornsby Shire IHAP for a three year term.
  - 2.3 Council endorse David White to serve as the 'expert local member', Ross Walker to serve as 'non-expert local member' and alternate for the 'expert local member', and Felicity Findlay to serve as alternate for the 'non-expert local member' on the SNPP for a three year term.
  - 2.4 The Hornsby Shire IHAP meeting be held in the Council Chambers on the fourth Wednesday of every month commencing at 6.30pm.
  - 2.5 Council's General Manager be authorised to prepare a Draft Code of Meeting Practice for the adoption by the Hornsby Shire IHAP.
  - 2.6 SNPP members are to be remunerated (excluding expenses and GST) as follows: - 'expert local members' - \$1,500 per meeting, 'non-expert members' - \$600 per meeting; and the IHAP 'community members' - \$600 per meeting.

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**Attachments:**

There are no attachments for this report.

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