

# Independent Design Advisory Panel Planning Scheme Policy

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### 1 Introduction

Under the Act, the Integrated Development Assessment System (IDAS) allows Council to ask for advice on a development application at any stage provided that IDAS time frames are met. This can be achieved through a **Planning Scheme Policy**.

### 2 Role

The Independent Design Advisory Panel (IDAP) will give the Council design advice on the quality of public and private development so as to improve the planning, urban design, built form and landscape of Brisbane.

This advice is to be provided with a strategic focus, consistent with established design principles, and is aimed at promoting excellence in design as a foundation for Brisbane's future growth and quality of life.

### 3 Purpose

The purpose of the panel is to:

- provide Council with independent advice on the design quality and appropriateness of applications, concepts, precinct structures, sites, policies and guidelines within the City Centre and other nominated parts of the City
- promote community awareness of the importance of high quality urban design to civic amenity, Brisbane identity and a subtropical lifestyle
- promote Council with advice on development proposals as per the terms of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*
- actively engage with the Council and the community on matters relevant to design excellence and good urban form
- provide advice on the assessment of proposals to reposition or demolish existing character homes, having regard to the impact on existing streetscape, the amenity of surrounding properties and the provisions of the Neighbourhood Plan.

### 4 Scope of advice

IDAP is to advise the Council on ways to achieve design excellence in Brisbane's built form as it is embodied in:

- physical **places** (including, but not limited to precincts, sites, areas and corridors, landscapes, vegetation, vistas, building complexes, buildings, structures and their immediate surrounds)
- **objects and artwork** (including movable objects and collections of objects).

### 5 Objectives and strategies

- (a) To have referred to IDAP matters concerning the design quality/excellence of public and private projects in Brisbane, to consider such matters and to provide advice thereon to Council:
  - on design quality and appropriateness of certain applications, projects, policies and guidelines within the City Centre and other nominated parts of the City
  - with a post-evaluative assessment of the success or otherwise of certain development applications, design policy, codes and legislation, in relation to development outcomes and court findings
- (b) To formulate initiatives for Council, consistent with high quality design outcomes, and provide advice thereon to Council. To define the concept and development of design excellence by:
  - providing Council with advice on additions and deletions to *City Plan 2000*
  - acting as a reference and peer review body for design reports, urban design/planning studies and other design related bodies of work
  - advising Council on the development of an articulated and comprehensive design strategy for Brisbane
- (c) To work with the community in the advocacy, encouragement, understanding, use and improvement of the design quality of Brisbane and to provide advice thereon to Council:
  - on IDAP's perception and understanding of design issues, trends and public awareness
  - on the co-ordination of design resources and on forms of presentation both to citizens of Brisbane and to visitors

- to assist Council in encouraging community interest in, and recognition of good design
  - on design issues and concerns that arise within the community
- (d) To assist Council in the promotion of a wider appreciation of design excellence and the unique design qualities of Brisbane and its value in cultural, educational and economic terms, and to provide Council with advice on the identification, display and promotion of materials, resources, objects, landscapes and buildings of high design quality for Brisbane.