



Department of **Planning,**
Lands and Heritage

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Mr Vernon Lawrence
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Via email to: vernon.lawrence@swek.wa.gov.au

Dear Mr Lawrence

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANELS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT NOMINATIONS

As you are aware, representation of local interests is a key part of the Development Assessment Panel (DAP) system. In accordance with this premise, under Regulation 24 of the *Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011*, Councils are required to nominate, as soon as possible following elections, four elected members to sit as DAP members.

In addition to the above, all existing local government DAP members are currently appointed for a term ending 26 January 2024. Prior to this expiry date, your local government is required to nominate four (4) DAP members for appointment by the Minister for Planning.

Given the upcoming local government elections on 21 October 2023, both requirements can be met by using the attached form and submitting it and a copy of the Council resolution, via email to the DAP Secretariat at daps@dplh.wa.gov.au, no later than Friday 24 November 2023.

If you are unable to provide nominations by the above date, please contact the DAP Secretariat to discuss alternative arrangements and implications.

The WA Government has launched OnBoardWA as part of its commitment to increase the diversity and backgrounds of Government Boards and Committees along with the total number of women appointed.

I encourage you to consider diversity of representation when putting forward your nominations in supporting this important commitment. Further Information about OnBoardWA can be found at [OnBoardWA | Welcome to OnBoardWA \(jobs.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.onboardwa.jobs.wa.gov.au).

The WA Government is committed to continue implementing the Action Plan for Planning reform to ensure the planning system continues to deliver great outcomes and great places for Western Australians. Changes to the DAP system, identified as part of the reform initiatives, aim to provide a more robust DAP process that promotes consistency and transparency in decision-making.

Please note that the local government membership configuration on DAPs will not be affected by the reform initiatives.

If you have any queries regarding this request for nominations, please contact Ashlee Kelly at the DAP Secretariat on (08) 6551 9919 or email daps@dph.wa.gov.au. Further information is available online at [Development Assessment Panels \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Kannis', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Anthony Kannis PSM
Director General
28 September 2023

Att. Local Government Development Assessment Panel Member Nomination Form