

Development Proposals before the State Administrative Tribunal Local Planning Policy

Responsible directorate: Planning and Community Development

Objective: To ensure that planning decisions that are brought before the State Administrative Tribunal and involve the City of Joondalup, are dealt with in an open and accountable manner.

1. Authority:

This policy has been prepared in accordance with Schedule 2, Part 2 of the deemed provisions of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* which allows the local government to prepare local planning policies relating to planning and development within the Scheme Area.

2. Application:

This policy applies to a planning decision that is subject to review by the State Administrative Tribunal.

3. Statement:

In accordance with the *State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004* and the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, an applicant aggrieved by a planning decision may seek a review of this decision by the State Administrative Tribunal.

This policy outlines the high-level processes under which planning decisions before the State Administrative Tribunal will be dealt with by the City.

4. Details:

4.1. Engagement of professional services:

- a. External professional services will be engaged to represent the City in State Administrative Tribunal proceedings where a Council decision is significantly different to the Administration's recommendation, including a reversal of that recommendation.

- b. External professional services may also be engaged for complex or controversial matters, and/or where independent assistance would be considered beneficial to the process.

4.2. Notification and involvement of Elected Members:

Elected Members shall be notified of matters before the State Administrative Tribunal and the status of these matters.

4.3. Notification and involvement of community members:

- a. The City will advise all parties who made a submission on an application that is the subject of a review as soon as practical of the City receiving such notification. The advice provided to parties shall contain information regarding the reviewable decision and relevant information on the State Administrative Tribunal process.
- b. Where a proposal is amended and the decision maker is invited to reconsider its decision, the City will seek sufficient time to allow community consultation on the amended proposal where consultation was undertaken by the City as part of the original decision. Consultation will be in accordance with the Planning Consultation Local Planning Policy.
- c. Submissions received during the assessment process will form part of the City's evidence to the State Administrative Tribunal.
- d. Where a community member makes a submission to the State Administrative Tribunal or applies to intervene in a review, the City will not oppose community members participating in the process.

4.4. Matters before the State Administrative Tribunal where the City or Council were not the decision-maker:

Where the City or Council was not the decision-maker but is invited to participate in the State Administrative Tribunal process, the City will have regard to this policy.

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