

NATIONAL CAPITAL AUTHORITY

URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES PEER ADVISORY PANELS

TERMS OF REFERENCE JUNE 2007

BACKGROUND

On 10 May 2007, the Griffin Legacy Amendments to the National Capital Plan, Amendment 56 (Griffin Legacy Principles and Policies), Amendment 59 (City Hill Precinct), Amendment 60 (Constitution Avenue) and Amendment 61 (West Basin) were approved by the Australian Parliament.

These Amendments embody a far-sighted strategy for the Central National Area to ensure that the nation's capital in the 21st century realises its potential and can accommodate the best of contemporary urban development. The policies in these Amendments include:

- Development should command high standards of urban design, sustainability, architecture and social inclusion reflecting the character of the national capital and providing a model for city development in Australia in the 21st century.
- Develop a built environment which demonstrates design excellence and environmental sustainability.

To achieve these aims the National Capital Authority (NCA) is committed to engaging with nominees of professional institutes in the peer review of urban design guidelines prepared for areas covered by the Griffin Legacy Amendments. It is anticipated that members will vary according to site under consideration.

THE ROLE OF THE PANEL

The role of the panel is to provide independent and professional urban design advice to the NCA on urban design guidelines for sites subject to the Griffin Legacy Amendments (commencing June 2007).

CONFIDENTIALITY

All members of the panel will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement and disclose any conflict of interest (see Annexure A) in accordance with good public service practice.

Where a panel report is prepared it shall be kept confidential unless the NCA agrees to publicly release the report.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANELS

The members of each panel shall comprise up to two representatives (nominated by each professional institute) of the following professional institutes:

- Royal Australian Institute of Architects
- Australian Institute of Landscape Architects
- Planning Institute of Australia
- Engineers Australia

The institutes will nominate at least four members as nominees from which the NCA may select on the basis of appropriate expertise (depending on the specific site under consideration). All liaison will be with the President (national or local).

The NCA may co-opt other professionals or public servant/private sector stakeholders on an as-needs basis where it is considered that additional expertise is desirable or warranted.

The participation as a panel member of the peer advisory panel will not disqualify any person and associated private firm from being engaged by a developer or development consortium in the design of development proposals (for the site under consideration by the panel) following the approval of the urban design guidelines by the NCA.

HONORARIUM

Panel members will receive an honorarium of \$500.00 per sitting period of 3 hours or part thereof. The NCA will meet any reasonable costs associated with travel and accommodation.