SC6.14 Independent design advisory panel planning scheme policy

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1 Introduction

1.1 Relationship to planning scheme

This planning scheme policy provides guidance or advice about satisfying an assessment benchmark which identifies this planning scheme policy as providing that guidance or advice.

1.2 Purpose

1. This planning scheme policy provides guidance on how the Council seeks advice from the Independent Design Advisory Panel.
2. Under the Act, the Council may ask for advice on a development application. This can be achieved through a planning scheme policy.

2 Role of the Independent Design Advisory Panel

1. The Independent Design Advisory Panel is to give the Council design advice on the quality of public and private development to improve the planning, urban design, built form and landscape of Brisbane.
2. In particular, the Independent Design Advisory Panel will:
3. Provide the Council with independent advice on the design quality and appropriateness of applications, concepts, precinct structures, sites, policies and guidelines within the City Centre, Fortitude Valley and South Brisbane riverside neighbourhood plans and other nominated parts of the City.
4. Promote community awareness of the importance of high quality urban design to civic amenity, Brisbane identity and a subtropical lifestyle.
5. Promote the Council with advice on development proposals in accordance with the Act.
6. Actively engage with the Council and the community on matters relevant to design excellence and good urban form.
7. 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 any relevant neighbourhood plan.
8. Advice from the Independent Design Advisory Panel 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 Scope of advice

The Independent Design Advisory Panel is to advise the Council on ways to achieve design excellence in Brisbane’s built form as it is embodied in the following:

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

4 Objectives and strategies

1. The Independent Design Advisory Panel will consider matters concerning the design quality and excellence of public and private projects in Brisbane and provide advice to Council:
2. on design quality and appropriateness of certain applications, projects, policies and guidelines within the City Centre, Fortitude Valley, South Brisbane riverside neighbourhood plans and other nominated parts of the City;
3. 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.
4. The Independent Design Advisory Panel will formulate initiatives for the Council, consistent with high quality design outcomes, and provide advice to the Council to define the concept and development of design excellence by:
5. providing the Council with advice on additions and deletions to the planning scheme;
6. acting as a reference and peer review body for design reports, urban design and planning studies and other design related bodies of work;
7. advising the Council on the development of an articulated and comprehensive design strategy for Brisbane.
8. The Independent Design Advisory Panel will work with the community in the advocacy, encouragement, understanding, use and improvement of the design quality of Brisbane and provide advice to the Council:
9. on its perception and understanding of design issues, trends and public awareness;
10. on the co-ordination of design resources and on forms of presentation both to citizens of Brisbane and to visitors.