



DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL

Role of Membership

In July 2001, Mid Murray Council resolved to appoint a Panel as the relevant authority to exercise or perform Council's powers and functions in accordance with the Development Act 1993.

The Panel consisted of five elected members, two business representatives and two community representatives.

Recent changes to the Development Act have required Council to form new Development Assessment Panel's consisting of seven members incorporating three elected members and four independent members.

Council's current Panel comprises the following members:-

- Frank Wieser Independent Member and Presiding Member
- Graham Gaston Independent Member and Deputy Presiding Member
- James Miller Independent Member
- Ross Dawkins Independent Member
- David Burgess Elected Member
- Inez Bormann Elected Member
- Brian Taylor Elected Member

Key Roles of the Development Assessment Panel

- To act as a delegate of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the Development Act 1993.
- To provide advice and reports to the Council as it thinks fit on trends, issues and other matters relating to planning or development that have become apparent or arisen through its assessment of applications under the Development Act 1993.
- To perform other functions (other than functions involving the formulation of policy) assigned to the Development Assessment Panel by the Council.
- The assessment and determination of Development Applications.
- Hearing representations from the public concerning applications that have been publicly notified.

The Panel represents a key decision-making body and members play a crucial part in shaping the form and quality of development within the Mid Murray Council area.

Access to Meetings

The Panel Meetings are conducted at a place open to the public, generally the Council Chambers at Cambrai.

The decision making is open and is conducted in an objective and unbiased manner in strict regard for Council's Development Plan and Development Act.

Access to agendas and minutes of Panel Meetings are available to the public from the Cambrai office or Council's website.

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