



Department of **Planning,  
Lands and Heritage**



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Enquiries: DAP Secretariat, 6551 9919

Dear Local Government CEO

## **DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANELS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT NOMINATIONS**

Representation of local interests is a key aspect of the Development Assessment Panel (DAP) system. The combination of local knowledge with technical expertise provides for informed and balanced decision making by DAPs. The Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011 (DAP Regulations) provides for this local knowledge in the constitution of a DAP by requiring the local government to nominate elected members for inclusion on the register of Local Government DAP Members.

All existing Local Government DAP Members are currently appointed for a term ending 26 January 2026. Prior to this date, your local government is required to nominate four (4) DAP members for inclusion on the register by the Minister for Planning and Lands. With the upcoming local government elections on 18 October 2025, there may be changes in the composition of your Council and this is considered to be the appropriate time to review nominations for Local Government DAP Members ahead of the expiry date.

Please note that if an existing member is not re-elected as a Councillor, they will cease to be a Local Government DAP Member as of 19 October 2025.

Pursuant to Regulation 25 of the DAP Regulations, your local government is requested, by Friday 21 November 2025, to nominate four elected council members to sit as DAP members for your local government district. The nominations must include two members who will be the primary Local Government DAP Members for your district and two alternate members whom the DAP Executive Director can invite if either of the primary members are unavailable.

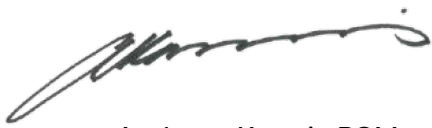
Please complete the attached nomination form and provide it to the DAP Secretariat, along with a copy of the council resolution. If you are unable to provide nominations by the above date, please contact the DAP Secretariat to discuss alternative arrangements and implications. Once nominations are received, the Minister will include the nominees on the register of Local Government DAP Members for the term ending 26 January 2028.

Nominations should be submitted via email to the DAP Secretariat at [dapnomination@dplh.wa.gov.au](mailto:dapnomination@dplh.wa.gov.au).

The WA Government is committed to increasing the diversity and backgrounds of Government Board and Committee members along with the total number of women appointed. Therefore, I encourage you to consider diversity of representation when putting forward your nominations in supporting this important commitment. Further information about can be found in the [Premier's Circular 2025/15 – State Government Boards and Committees](#) as well as the [Department of the Premier and Cabinet's State Government Boards and Committees – Classification and Appointment Guidelines](#).

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

Yours sincerely



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Director General

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Att 1 – LG DAP Members – Nomination Form  
Att 2 – LG DAP Members – Nomination Form FAQ  
Att 3 – Local Government Contact List 2025