



# Media Release

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## Community invited to join assessment panel

Residents can have a say in determining planning applications for local development with the establishment of Camden Council's Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP).

The NSW Government recently passed legislation requiring IHAPs to be set up in local areas to determine planning applications for certain local development.

The IHAP will include three independent expert members and representatives of the community to assess development applications made to council.

Applications are now open for members of the community to join the panel.

The part-time, paid roles start in March 2018 with chosen representatives expected to contribute constructively to panel discussions, attend around 24 meetings a year and help determine applications for new development in the Camden LGA. Membership for the panel is for up to three years.

Nomination forms can be found at [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au) or by contacting Council on 4654 7777. Applications close on Thursday 7 December 2017.

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