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Dear Local Government CEO,

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

Following the upcoming local government elections to be held on 16 October 2021, there may be a change in your local government DAP membership if the composition of your council changes. All existing local government DAP members are currently appointed for a term ending 26 January 2022. Prior to this expiry date, your local government will need to nominate four (4) DAP members for appointment by the Minister for Planning.

Representation of local interests is a key aspect of the DAPs system. Under regulation 24 of the *Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011* your local council is requested to nominate, as soon as possible following the elections, four elected council members to sit as DAP members for your local government. Using the attached form, nominations should be submitted via email to the DAPs Secretariat at [daps@dplh.wa.gov.au](mailto:daps@dplh.wa.gov.au).

All local government councils are requested to provide nominations for local government DAP members by Friday 19 November 2021, to ensure local interests are represented in future DAP determinations. If you are unable to provide nominations by the above date, please contact the DAPs Secretariat to discuss alternative arrangements and implications. Once nominations are received, the Minister will appoint local government DAP members for the term ending 26 January 2024.

The McGowan Government launched OnBoardWA as part of its commitment to increase the diversity and backgrounds of Government board and committees along with the total number of women appointed.

I encourage you to consider diversity of representation when putting forward your local government nominations in supporting this important election commitment. Further information about OnBoardWA can be found at <http://www.onboardwa.jobs.wa.gov.au>.

The WA Government is committed to continue implementing the Action Plan for Planning Reform to ensure the planning system continues to deliver great outcomes and great places for Western Australians. Changes to the DAP system, identified as part of the reform initiatives, aims to provide a more robust DAP process that promotes consistency and transparency in decision-making. Please note that the local government membership configuration on the DAP will not be affected by the reform initiatives.

If you have any queries regarding this request for nominations, please contact the DAPs secretariat on (08) 6551 9919 or email [daps@dplh.wa.gov.au](mailto:daps@dplh.wa.gov.au). Further information is available online at <https://www.dplh.wa.gov.au/daps>.

Yours sincerely



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