

ITEM 4. REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE SMALL PERMITS APPEALS PANEL**FILE NO: S059513****SUMMARY**

To provide Councillors with an overview of the operations of the Small Permits Appeals Panel (the Panel) for the period July to September 2008.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that the subject report be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Summary of Small Permits Appeals Panel Applications Received and Determinations arising from meetings during the period July to September 2008.

Attachment B: Small Permits Appeals Panel Minutes - 9 July 2008, 8 August 2008 and 5 September 2008.

Attachment C: Council Resolution of 19 April 2004: Terms of Reference - Small Permits Appeals Panel - Renewal

BACKGROUND

1. The Council's Small Permits Appeals Panel (the Panel) has authority to determine the review of development applications which would not otherwise be dealt with by Council or the Central Sydney Planning Committee. Under Section 18 of the Panel's Terms of Reference, the Panel is required to submit an annual report of its decisions to Council.
2. On 14 June 2007, Council also resolved that quarterly reports be provided on Small Permits Appeals Panel operations.

REVIEW

3. Fourteen (14) development applications for review by the Panel were received during the period July to September 2008. A breakdown of the applications reviewed by the Panel is outlined below:

Result of Development Applications reviewed	Number of applications
Revised Notices of Determination for Consent issued, comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Notices of Determination for Refusal overturned to new notices for approval (2) • Original Notices of Determination for Consent amended (3) 	5 (36%)
Notices of Determination for Refusal upheld	2 (14%)
Notices of Determination for Consent upheld	3 (21%)
Applications still pending	4 (29%)
Total applications reviewed	14 (100%)

4. Sixty-four per cent of the applications reviewed were for either single dwellings or small businesses, with 50 per cent being for single dwellings and 14 per cent for small businesses.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

5. Meetings of the Panel are generally held monthly, with five applications being reviewed at each meeting. Meetings average two hours duration.

PANEL MEMBERSHIP

6. The Panel comprises of the following:
 - (a) the Chairperson of the Planning Development and Transport Committee or the Lord Mayor (or an alternate approved by the Lord Mayor);

- (b) a senior Council officer - the Director City Planning and Regulatory Services, or delegate being the Manager Planning Assessment or an Area Planning Manager; and
- (c) a member from a range of external members appointed by the Council.

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