

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC

The Independent Planning Commission NSW recognises community participation is an integral part of building trust in the decision-making process for complex and contentious state significant development in New South Wales.

Public health orders currently in place to stop the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) mean the Commission cannot visit communities to hold face-to-face meetings about state significant development applications which impact them. This means we will be holding our public hearings and meetings remotely by video-conferencing facilities (with an option to participate by telephone).

While there will be some practical changes to how interested individuals and/or groups can participate in our public hearings and public meetings, we remain committed to working collaboratively with stakeholders to encourage broad participation in these new processes.

Participating in the electronic public hearing or electronic public meeting

- We'll continue to give a minimum 14 days' public notice of the commencement of a hearing/meeting (as per our *Public Hearing Guidelines and Public Meetings Guidelines*).
- You will need to complete an expression of interest form, available on our website, if you wish to apply to present to the Commission Panel.
- You can choose to connect with the Panel by video-conferencing facilities OR have us call you on a nominated landline or mobile phone.
- Registered speakers will be contacted by email to advise when and how long they have to speak.

- We may also contact registered speakers by phone to discuss technical aspects of the electronic hearing/meeting and discuss any concerns.
- Once the hearing/meeting is over, we may ask you to complete a short online survey to help us improve our processes moving forward.

Written submissions

As always, we will accept written comments up to seven (7) days after the hearing/meeting via email, post or our online portal: www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say. Written comments are weighed the same as spoken presentations.

Livestream

In the interest of openness and transparency, the Commission will broadcast proceedings 'live' on its website: www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/livestream. If you don't have internet access, you can listen to a "live" audio stream of the hearing/meeting by calling the phone number provided in the public hearing/meeting notice.

Have a question?

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