Design Review Frequently Asked Questions

Any questions regarding preparation for Design Review should be directed to the allocated ODASA Design Advisor.

What presentation materials are required and by when?

Please deliver the following materials to ODASA – Level 1, 28 Leigh Street Adelaide by midday on the day before Design Review:

- A1 presentation panels, up to 12 sheets (one copy)
- A3 set of presentation drawings (one copy unbound)
- Digital copy of presentation drawings (PDF format, provided on USB)
- Physical model, if applicable

What information should be included in presentation material?

We suggest the following information and drawings:

- Site plans and context analysis
- Design iterations
- Form and massing
- Plans
- Sections/site sections
- Elevations (in context)
- Shadow diagrams
- Method of construction and materiality
- Visualisations
- Landscape and the public realm
- Sustainability
- Typical apartment layouts where relevant

Who attends Design Review?

- Proponent team (proponent, developer, architect, planning consultant, other consultants for the design team – maximum of six representatives)
- South Australian Government Architect/ Associate Government Architect or nominated independent Chair
- Panel Members (two-four members)
- DTI Planning Officer
- ODASA Design Advisor
- Other ODASA and DTI staff
- Council planning representative(s)
- State Heritage representative(s)
- Approved observers



What are the key discussion points at Design Review?

- Context
- Built form (height/massing)
- Site organisation/ground plane layout
- Internal layout/user amenity
- Architectural expression
- Public realm
- Access and inclusion/universal access
- Sustainability

What is a recommendations letter?

- A confidential document addressed to the nominated proponent representative, expressing the Chair's views
- Recommendations letters are issued within ten (10) working days of the Design Review session

What types of meetings/ reviews/ workshops are available?

- Pre-lodgement Panel (PLP) meeting organised by DTI Planning Officer
- Technical meeting organised by DTI Planning Officer
- Design Review organised by ODASA Design Advisor
- Desktop Review organised by ODASA Design Advisor
- Design Workshop organised by ODASA Design Advisor
- Presentation to the Chair organised by ODASA Design Advisor

