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Mr Roger Brooks
Director - *Development
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via email: admin@yorke.sa.gov.au

Dear Mr Brooks

**Independent Member - Yorke Peninsula Council
Council Assessment Panel
(CAP)**

I wish to express my interest as an Independent Member of the Yorke Peninsula Council - Council Assessment Panel until December 2019 and beyond, as required.

I have been owner and sole Director of an established planning consultancy that has been operating for over 10 years. With nearly 20 years of experience working in the planning industry I have extensive background in Development Assessment and Strategic Policy Planning, including throughout the Yorke Peninsula Council area.

I gained much of my experience through various Town Planning related roles through my consultancy and Senior Town Planning and Policy related roles with Nolan Rumsby Planners and numerous Council's and the Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure.

I hold a Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of South Australia, I am a Certified Practising Planner and willing to attain and retain an Accredited Professional - planning level 2 accreditation under the PDI Act 2016 and also have corporate membership of the Planning Institute of Australia for many years.

I have sound knowledge of the Development Act 1993, Development Regulations 2008, the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 and possess a working knowledge of numerous Development Plans within South Australia.

My experience also includes convening and working with numerous Council Assessment Panel's along with the State Commission Assessment Panel as an officer assisting the Panel(s) and a consultant presenting to the Panel(s) and have an extensive proven history in preparing complex reports for such meetings and engaging in educated and comprehensive discussions during deliberation and ratification of agenda items.

I wish to express my interest in this position, as I feel that I have proven abilities in the field of Urban and Regional Planning with extensive experience in dealing with a diverse range of issues and a sound understanding of the unique and competing pressures that face development within the Yorke Peninsula Council area.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss this opportunity further.

Kind regards,

Benjamin Green
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Knowledge and Skills

- Extensive working knowledge of the Development Act 1993 and Development Regulations 2008 including Development Assessment processes, and procedures to amend Development Plan's including strategic direction reporting.
- Provision of high level and complex professional advice to a wide variety of clients on various town planning related matters.
- Senior level advice provided to Council, Council Assessment Panel, internal and external stakeholders on a range of Planning related matters.
- Provision of professional advice and expert opinion in appeals against decisions made under the Development Act 1993, including appearances at the Environment, Resources and Development Court of South Australia.
- Comprehensive knowledge, understanding and appreciation of sustainable development principles and practices.
- High level negotiation skills to achieve positive outcomes as evidenced by quality and consistent decisions.
- Sound understanding of issues and pressures that Local Government face in urban/peri-urban and rural/regional areas through extensive background in Development Assessment.
- Preparation of complex and analytical reports to Council, Council Assessment Panel, and Council committee's providing professional advice.
- Acknowledgment of and regard for the 'bigger picture' with respect to Strategic and Policy Planning frameworks whilst assessing Development Applications.
- Experience in the formulation of planning policy through involvement in various stages of implementation and review of strategic planning documents including Town Plans, Development Plan Amendments and additional projects that have been a direct result of these plans.
- Ability to diversify and adapt to challenges as required.
- Comprehensive knowledge and understanding of various strategic planning related documents such as the 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide - 2017 Update and its potential impact on metropolitan Adelaide and surrounding districts.
- Experience in working collaboratively with various Government departments and agencies has provided an extensive understanding of the role and operation of Local Government and its relationship with the State.
- Coordinator, leader and mentor of Planning team(s) in daily activities and the provision of senior level advice.
- Extensive experience in Development Assessment on a vast array of proposals including Planning Certification that occur in various settings i.e township, rural, industrial, hills, coastal, river, conservation, heritage and the like.
- Development Assessment experience of large proposals requiring Coordinator General assessment.
- Significant experience in Land Division proposals including broad acre land divisions.

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EXPERIENCE

Ben Green & Associates **Urban and Regional Planners – Director**

2008 - Present

- Assisting the private sector with a variety of development proposals including presentation at CAP and SCAP Meetings
- Expert witness on planning matters at the Environment Resources and Development Court
- Consulting Planner to numerous Local Government organisations
- Consulting Planner to DPTI/SCAP undertaking assessment of Crown Development/Schedule 10/Concurrence and various major projects for the SCAP

Nolan Rumsby Planners – Senior Planner

2005 - 2008

Alexandrina Council – Team Leader - Planning

2002 - 2005

District Council of Geraldton – Planning & Compliance Officer

2001 - 2002

City of Onkaparinga – Planning Officer

2000 - 2001

EDUCATION

University of South Australia – **Bachelor of Urban & Regional Planning**

1997 - 2000

Other Qualifications

Planning Certifier - PCP014
Certified Practising Planner
Class C Driver's License

Professional Affiliations

Corporate Membership -
Planning Institute of Australia

Professional Interests

Development Assessment
Strategic & Policy Planning
Urban Renewal
Rural/Coastal Planning

Referees

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