

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

REDLAND CITY COUNCIL

AND

THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND
REDLANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OBJECTIVE

Redland City is a growing city. The current population of approximately 167,000 is projected to grow to around 212,000 by 2046. By that time the city is expected to have grown to 84,800 dwellings (an increase of 19,800 above 2021 dwellings). The city has a number of distinct characteristics including its long-established suburbs, newly developing suburbs, rural hinterland and island communities.

The Redland City Council (Council) and the Urban Development Institute of Australia Queensland (the Institute) are working to support the economy, value the environment, strengthen the community and provide targeted investments in employment, infrastructure, community development, and lifestyle.

It is Council's and the Institute's objective to balance the often competing desires and demands of the development industry and the community to produce a sustainable and viable development industry and community and to produce better outcomes for our residents.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to create a strong, transparent and positive working relationship between Redland City Council and the Institute's Redlands Advisory Committee, to advance best practice planning and development and to promote the region and attract investment that enhances Redlands future communities and brings employment.

This will be achieved by:

- Mutual understanding and respect of each other's role, responsibilities and needs
- Participation in regular forums to discuss issues of mutual interest and resolve problems
- Open, honest and transparent communication
- Development of a co-operative culture
- Jointly keeping the community informed on matters discussed by the Joint Working Group
- Advocating independently to other levels of government with a priority focus on where Council and UDIA objectives align.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF REDLAND CITY COUNCIL AND REDLANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mutual understanding of the roles and responsibilities of each organisation is an important factor in fostering a strong relationship. The following describes the roles and responsibilities of each organisation in broad terms:

Redland City Council

The Redland City Council Corporate Plan 2021-2026 establishes Council's vision and goals for that period.

Vision

Naturally wonderful lifestyle. Connected communities. Embracing opportunities.

Goals

City Leadership
Strong Communities
Quandamooka Country
Natural Environment
Liveable Neighbourhoods

Thriving Economy
Efficient and Effective Organisation

Council has adopted Corporate Policy CDV-002-P – Community Reference Groups. The policy objective is:

'To enable Council to create and manage groups which allow Council to engage meaningfully with representatives of external organisations and members of the community to assist Council in its decision making process or support continuous improvement.'

REDLANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Institute is the peak body representing the Australian property development industry and our business is about building diverse and affordable communities.

The UDIA is a national not-for-profit organisation. Established in 1971, the Queensland office is the largest of the Institute's state bodies. The Institute's extensive network of on-the-ground metropolitan and regional members ensures we are able to speak with an informed voice on the complex issues our industry faces. The Institute's Research Foundation also provides specialist insight into a range of industry and community issues, consumer views and quantitative market data throughout Queensland, forming an integral component of the Institute's activities and policy response.

The development industry is a key driver of economic activity and jobs in Queensland and in Redlands. A healthy property development sector will encourage significant capital investment and employment creation and ensure equitable access to a diverse range of housing products.

The Institute will:

- Constructively engage with local government to achieve positive outcomes for the industry and the community
- Keep its members up to date and well informed on industry issues
- Encourage excellence in development including through Branch, State and National Awards
- Promote a Code of Ethics, and in particular:
 - Demonstrate ethical principles and observe the highest standards of integrity and honesty in all professional and personal dealings
 - Uphold and promote the reputation of the Institute and not misuse authority of office for personal gain
 - Respect the confidentiality of information given to the member in the course of the Institute's work, and maintain a commitment to openness and transparency in all dealings with Council.

In addition to the above, the Redlands Advisory Committee has an overarching objective of working with Council to foster development, enhance the growth of the region and build a better community.

FOSTERING A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP

There are several strategies for establishing a positive working relationship. These strategies include:

- Council / Redlands Advisory Committee Joint Working Group
- Education programs
- Use of media
- Consultation on key new planning documents or policy and changes to development related matters, where considered relevant and necessary by Council
- Provision of relevant Research Foundation findings directly to Council
- Jointly represent the region to other levels of government and the development industry
- Representation on development related steering committees
- Committees for specific matters as required.

Council / Redlands Advisory Committee Joint Working Group

A Joint Working Group between Council and the Redlands Advisory Committee will be established and will meet on a quarterly basis or on an as needed basis if required more often.

Meetings of the Joint Working Group will provide:

- A link between both organisations
- A forum for open and transparent communication
- An opportunity for both parties to raise issues of mutual interest.

It is acknowledged that the Institute's national charter is not to lobby on behalf of a specific development or firm or seek to resolve individual disputes between developers and Council.

Education Programs

The Redlands Advisory Committee may hold workshops or seminars. Councillors and Council Staff will be invited to attend these sessions. Similarly, should Council conduct training/education sessions that would be of interest to the Redlands Advisory Committee, an invitation will be extended.

Use of Media

Both Council and the Institute have well established relationships with a range of media outlets.

Both parties respect that each party has a separate role; one as regulator and the other as industry advocate. Views may differ on occasion, but we will professionally respect the other if media is involved. Further, both parties acknowledge and respect the other's media policies.

IMPLEMENTATION

For the implementation of this MOU to be fully effective each organisation commits to the following principles:

Commitment

It is agreed there must be a strong commitment to consulting and partnering at all levels within each organisation.

Equity

Each organisation's interests, role and expectations must be given regard to by the other organisation.

Communication

Open and honest communication is a necessary component of this MOU. It is acknowledged that at times Council is bound by various Acts to maintain confidentiality. Office bearers of the Institute are also, from time to time, bound by confidentiality.

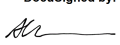
Respect

Both organisations and each person within them agree to treat each other with respect and integrity in all of its actions and communications.

TERM

The term of this agreement is until the date of the 2028 local government elections. At the conclusion of this period both parties will review the processes established under the Memorandum of Understanding.

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
REDLAND CITY COUNCIL

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Signature of Chief Executive
Officer

Andrew Chesterman

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Full name of Chief Executive
Officer (print)

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Date

URBAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND

EXECUTED by



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Signature of Chief Executive Officer

KIRSTIN CRESSLER-BROWN

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Full name of Chief Executive Officer (print)

27/5/24

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Date

Joint Working Group

PROCEDURES

Objective

To act as a forum for the Council and the Redlands Advisory Committee to raise issues and a conduct a forum on issues relevant to the development industry and its relationship with the region.

Scope

Provide opportunity to raise matters of general interest and/or concern to the Industry or Council. The forum is not the vehicle to resolve individual disputes regarding specific projects. Issues raised are to concentrate on the "big picture" issues affecting the Redlands development industry and community.

Representation

The Joint Working Group is to consist of:

Redland City Council

Cr Peter Mitchell
Cr Rowanne McKenzie
General Manager Community and Customer Services
Group Manager City Planning and Assessment
Group Manager Economic Development and Investment

Redlands Advisory Committee

Redlands Advisory Committee Chair
Policy Committee (up to three representatives)
UDIA Queensland Policy Team member/s

Other people may be invited from time to time to discuss particular issues or give presentations.

Redland City Councillors may attend Joint Working Group meetings and participate in discussion at the discretion of the Chair.

Conduct of Meetings

- Chair – Either Cr Rowanne McKenzie or Chair of Redlands Advisory Committee (or their delegates)
- Ideally, meetings will be held at least quarterly, and any other time as required
- Agenda and Minutes to be prepared and distributed by Council. Agendas are to be distributed two (2) weeks prior to the meeting. Draft minutes are to be provided to the Redlands Advisory Committee Chair for confirmation of accuracy prior to finalisation two weeks following a meeting.
- Council to store agendas and minutes in a publicly accessible manner on its website.

Confidentiality

- Council, at its discretion, may wish to present confidential information for comment or general feedback.
- Therefore, a confidentiality level will be determined at the outset by Council.

Agenda Items

Items for the agenda are to be provided to Council at least two (2) days before the distribution of the agenda.

New agenda items are to be accompanied by:

- A brief outline of the issue
- A suggested course of action (if relevant)

Agenda items requested by the Institute's members are to be forwarded to the Redlands Advisory Committee Chair for collation before forwarding a list to Council. Items requested by Council staff will be collated by the Group Manager City Planning and Assessment.

