

POLITICAL DONATIONS AND GIFTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

PART 1: EXPLANATORY INFORMATION

ABOUT THIS FORM

You may use this form to make a political donations and gifts disclosure under Section 147 (4) and (5) of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act 1979 for applications or public submissions to a council.

Warning: A person is guilty of an offence under Section 125 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in connection with the obligations under Section 147 only if the person fails to make a disclosure of a political donation or gift in accordance with Section 147 that the person knows, or ought reasonably to know, was made and is required to be disclosed under Section 147. The maximum penalty for any such offence is the maximum penalty under Part 6 of the Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981 for making a false statement in a declaration of disclosures lodged under that Part. Note: The maximum penalty is currently 200 penalty units (currently \$22,000) or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.

How to complete this form

1. Ensure that all fields have been filled out correctly.
2. Please note that fields on this form marked with an * are mandatory and must be completed before submitting the application.
3. Once completed you can submit this form by mail and in person. Please refer to the Lodgement details section for further information.
4. Read the explanatory information below.
5. Once completed, please attach the completed declaration to your planning application or submission.

EXPLANATORY INFORMATION

Making a planning application to a council

Under section 147(4) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ('the Act') a person who makes a relevant planning application to a council is required to disclose the following reportable political donations and gifts (if any) made by any person with a financial interest in the application within the period commencing 2 years before the application is made and ending when the application is determined

- (a) all reportable political donations made to any local councillor of that council
- (b) all gifts made to any local councillor or employee of that council.

Making a public submission to a council

Under section 147(5) of the Act a person who makes a relevant public submission to a council in relation to a relevant planning application made to the council is required to disclose the following reportable political donations and gifts (if any) made by the person making the submission or any associate of that person within the period commencing 2 years before the submission is made and ending when the application is determined:

- (a) all reportable political donations made to any local councillor of that council
- (b) all gifts made to any local councillor or employee of that council.

A reference in sections 147(4) and 147(5) of the Act to a reportable political donation made to a 'local councillor' includes a reference to a donation made at the time the person was a candidate for election to the council.

How and when do you make a disclosure?

The disclosure of a reportable political donation or gift under section 147 of the Act is to be made:

- (a) in, or in a statement accompanying, the relevant planning application or submission if the donation or gift is made before the application or submission is made, or
- (b) if the donation or gift is made afterwards, in a statement of the person to whom the relevant planning application or submission was made within 7 days after the donation or gift is made.

What information needs to be in a disclosure?

The information requirements of the disclosure are outlined in the Act under section 147(9) for political donations and section 147(10) for gifts.

Pages 3 and 4 of this document include a Disclosure Statement Template which outlines the relevant information requirements for disclosures to a council.

Glossary of Terms

Please refer to Schedule 1 for a Glossary of Terms as defined under Section 147 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Receiving Officer

DA / PP Number

Date Received

PART 2: PERSON MAKING THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Title *	Given Name/s *	Family Name *
MS	Schandel	Fortu
Position	Organisation	
Director	Think Planners	
Home Number	Business Number	Mobile Number
		0430 807 921
Email Address		
schandel@thinkplanners.com.au		

PART 3: DECLARATION OF INTEREST

What is your interest in the application or submission to which this disclosure statement is attached? (please tick the applicable box below)

I am the applicant ☒ OR I am making the submission in relation to an application ☐

Planning application reference (e.g. DA number, title or reference; property address or other description)

PART 4: DETAILS OF REPORTABLE POLITICAL DONATIONS OR GIFTS

1. State below any reportable political donations or gifts you have made over the relevant period. If the donation or gift was made by an entity (and not by you as an individual) include the Australian Business Number of that entity (ABN).
2. If you are the applicant of a planning application, state below any reportable political donations or gifts that you know, or ought reasonably to know, were made by any persons with a financial interest in the planning application.
3. If you are a person making a submission in relation to an application, state below any reportable political donations or gifts that you know, or ought reasonably to know, were made by yourself or an associate.

Donation or Gift (D /G)	Name of donor (also include ABN for an entity)	Residential / Registered Address	Party / Person to whom the gift donation was made	Date donation / gift was made	Amount / value of donation of gift
Nil					

If you require more space, please attach a separate sheet listing all details shown above for each donation/gift. Tick here if you have attached a separate sheet or sheets ☐

PART 5: DECLARATION

By signing below, I / we hereby declare that all information contained within this statement is accurate at the time of signing, and if I / we become aware of any other donations or gifts that must be declared, we will immediately notify the Council.

Organisation (where applicable)

Think Planners

Position within organisation (where applicable)

Director

Name

Schandel Fortu

Signature *



Date

22.7.22

PART 6: LODGEMENT DETAILS

You can lodge the completed disclosure statement as part of the supporting documentation for an application or submission.

This form should only be lodged as part of an application or submission about a specific matter to be considered by Council.

Applications and submissions can be lodged by:

Mail: Georges River Council
PO Box 205
Hurstville BC 1481

In person: Georges River Council Civic Centre, MacMahon Street, Hurstville, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday
Hurstville and Kogarah Public Libraries, during library hours.

Email: mail@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

Telephone: 9330 6400

Website: www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

PART 7: PRIVACY & PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION NOTICE

Purpose of Collection: To record and publish reportable political donations and their possible bearing on specific applications or submissions before council.

Intended recipients: Council staff and approved contractors of the Georges River Council.
This information may be also viewed by others as required by law, for example as requested under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

Supply: This information is required to be supplied under Section 147(4) and (5) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Access/Correction: Contact the Georges River Council Customer Service Team to access or correct this information.

Storage: Georges River Council, MacMahon Street, Hurstville.

PART 8: GLOSSARY OF TERMS (under Section 147 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979)

A full glossary of terms is contained in the Act - the most relevant terms are defined below.

RELEVANT PLANNING APPLICATION MEANS:

- a) a formal request to the Minister, a council or the Director-General to initiate the making of an environmental planning instrument or development control plan in relation to development on a particular site; or
- b) a formal request to the Minister or the Director-General for development on a particular site to be made State Significant Development or declared a project to which Part 3A applies; or
- c) an application for approval of a concept plan or project under Part 3A (or for the modification of a concept plan or of the approval for a project); or
- d) an application for development consent under Part 4 (or for the modification of a development consent); or
- e) any other application or request under or for the purposes of this Act that is prescribed by the regulations as a relevant planning application;

RELEVANT PLANNING APPLICATION DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- f) an application for (or for the modification of) a complying development certificate; or
- g) an application or request made by a public authority on its own behalf or made on behalf of a public authority; or
- h) any other application or request that is excluded from this definition by the regulations

RELEVANT PERIOD is the period commencing 2 years before the application or submission is made and ending when the application is determined.

RELEVANT PUBLIC SUBMISSION means a written submission made by a person objecting to or supporting a relevant planning application or any development that would be authorised by the granting of the application.

REPORTABLE POLITICAL DONATION

Is defined under Section 86 of the Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981.

(1) For the purposes of the Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981 a reportable political donation is:

- (a) in the case of disclosures under this Part by a party, elected member, group or candidate - a political donation of or exceeding \$1,000 made to or for the benefit of the party, elected member, group or candidate; or
- (b) in the case of disclosures under this Part by a major political donor - a political donation of or exceeding \$1,000:
 - (i) made by the major political donor to or for the benefit of a party, elected member group or candidate; or
 - (ii) made to the major political donor.

(2) A political donation of less than an amount specified in subsection (1) made by an entity or other person is to be treated as a reportable political donation if that and other separate political donations made by that entity or other person to the same party, elected member, group, candidate or person within the same financial year (ending 30 June) would, if aggregated, constitute a reportable political donation under subsection (1).

(3) A political donation of less than an amount specified in subsection (1) made by an entity or other person to a party is to be treated as a reportable political donation if that and other separate political donations made by that entity or person to an associated party within

the same financial year (ending 30 June) would, if aggregated, constitute a reportable political donation under subsection (1). This subsection does not apply in connection with disclosures of political donations by parties.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3), parties are associated parties if endorsed candidates of both parties were included in the same group in the last periodic Council election or are to be included in the same group in the next periodic Council election.

FINANCIAL INTEREST a person has a financial interest in a relevant planning application if:

- a) the person is the applicant or the person on whose behalf the application is made; or
- b) the person is an owner of the site to which the application relates or has entered into an agreement to acquire the site or any part of it; or
- c) the person is associated with a person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) and is likely to obtain a financial gain if development that would be authorised by the application is authorised or carried out (other than a gain merely as a shareholder in a company listed on a stock exchange); or
- d) the person has any other interest relating to the application, the site or the owner of the site that is prescribed by the regulations.

ASSOCIATED PERSONS are associated with each other if:

- a) they carry on a business together in connection with the relevant planning application (in the case of the making of any such application) or they carry on a business together that may be affected by the granting of the application (in the case of a relevant planning submission); or
- b) they are related bodies corporate under the Corporations Act 2001 of the Commonwealth; or
- c) one is a director of a corporation and the other is any such related corporation or a director of any such related corporation; or
- d) they have any other relationship prescribed by the regulations