I understand that this comment is made outside the consultation dates published.

I wish to endorse the concepts of the Design Review Panels and their ability to contribute to good design outcomes for the region and the state. I favour a scheme in which the process is two way – councils may apply to the design review panel for advice on design as well as the proponent. Either way, the report is a relevant consideration in any planning process decision.

I have some concern that without some parameters and collaboration with the Institute of Architects, councils may not opt in because of feared costs. Some guidelines as to how these costs might play out would assist in considering viability of such a scheme. Not all areas have access to local architects and it is unclear as to how this could impact the process or the potential for the scheme.

One opportunity may be for a senior architect or two on the panel to be joined by final year and post graduate architecture students to performing panel duties.

In a state that values its heritage we need to be mindful of tomorrow’s heritage and the impact of good and bad development decisions on place (planet and people) and profit.

Kind Regards,

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“Innovation is by nature bottom up. Even if Government comes up with a grand and bold plan, it is bottom-up ideas and actions that give substance to the plan to make it successful” Ong Ye Kung, Singapore, 2018.