

# POSITIVE SUBMISSION TIPS

One of the best ways to encourage good development outcomes is to write to your local council and let them know that you support the great elements of a draft neighbourhood plan or the positive aspects of proposed new development. Get writing now and follow these tips to help change our cities for the better!



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## SHOW SOME LOVE

To counter the all too familiar negative NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) stereotypes write a submission that focuses on the positive outcomes that a draft plan or proposed new development offers e.g. new bicycle parking spaces, revitalising underused space, new open space.

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## STICK TO THE PLAN

If you are writing about a new development, your words will have the most impact if you address the positives of the development in relation to town planning issues, such as how it adds to the amenity of the area or how it benefits the local environment.

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## EASY AS

Make your positive submission easier for Council to process by giving your submission a title. If you are writing about a proposed new development, include the council application number and the site address. These details should be available on your local council's website.

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## STAY ON TARGET

Be specific and stay on topic otherwise your positivity will get lost in all the words.

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## MAKE IT COUNT

To legally make a submission count for a proposed new development, send it to your council during the formal public consultation period. By doing this you will be notified of Council's decision and will have appeal rights in court if you are not satisfied with the decision. You can waive your appeal rights and certainly don't need to take any further action.

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## SIGN HERE

If you are sending a hard copy make sure the positive submission is signed by each person making the submission. For email submissions, include the name and residential or business address of each person who is making the submission.

Just so that you know, your submission will be a legal document that will be on the public record. Council may choose to remove your name and address but are not obliged to. The applicant for the application will receive notice of the names and addresses of all properly made submitters so that they can notify them if they appeal the decision in court.

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## SPREAD THE WORD

Tell your friends, family and network about good development outcomes being proposed and encourage them to write a positive submission too! The silent majority has a voice - help make it louder!

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## DEEP IMPACT

Writing in your own words has the biggest impact and numbers do count. So, well done if you have convinced others to make a positive submissions too, but resist the temptation of submitting multiple copies of the same submission content just with a different signature, where possible, as this could dilute its impact