

Policy document

'COVID Safe' conditions of entry to Independent Planning Commission spaces

The Independent Planning Commission has established 'COVID Safe' conditions of entry to Commission spaces.

For the wellbeing of the community, Commissioners and staff, everyone entering our offices (or any other space being used by the Commission, including all premises where public hearings and meetings are held) is required to be fully vaccinated, check-in using the QR code, wear a properly-fitted face mask and practise social distancing.

Who does this policy apply to?

This policy applies to **all people** who attend a **Commission space**.

'**All people**' includes Commissioners, Commission staff, contractors, applicants and their representatives and members of the public attending as observers or to give submissions.

'**Commission space**' means:

- the offices of the Independent Planning Commission; or
- any physical space where the Commission is conducting its business (including any part of a public hearing, a public meeting, a site inspection or locality tour or a stakeholder meeting).

What does this policy require?

All people attending a Commission space must:

- comply with all current orders under the *Public Health Act 2010*;
- be a fully vaccinated person;
- provide to Commission staff evidence that they are a fully vaccinated person;
- (for Commission spaces outside of the Commission's offices) also comply with any rules made by the person controlling the premises;
- if requested to by Commission staff, wear a properly fitted face covering; and
- check-in to the Commission's offices or the premises being used as a Commission space.

The terms '**fitted face covering**' and '**fully vaccinated person**' have the meanings given to them in the current orders under the *Public Health Act 2020*.

The Commission's aim is to maintain 'COVID Safe' conditions of entry that are:

- adapted to the Commission's processes; and
- as consistent as possible with the requirements set by related bodies and NSW Courts and Tribunals – in particular the NSW Land and Environment Court.

What happens if I do not follow this policy?

People who do not follow this policy's requirements may be:

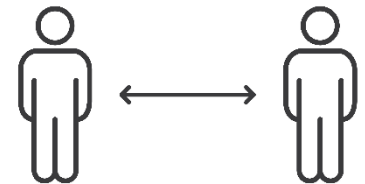
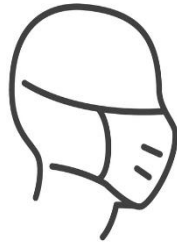
- refused access to the Commission space; and/or
- required to leave the Commission space

Does this affect my ability to make a submission to the Commission?

The Commission recognises the importance of encouraging and promoting community participation in our decision-making processes. We acknowledge our 'COVID Safe' conditions of entry might prevent some stakeholders attending Commission events in person.

However, all interested individuals and groups can continue to make submissions in writing and/or by participating remotely via electronic means (tele- and/or videoconference) in our scheduled public hearings and meetings.

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