

**9. METROPOLITAN FUNDING SUBCOMMITTEE -
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION**

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The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with information in respect to the makeup of the Metropolitan Funding Assessment Committees that give consideration to applications under Hillary Commissions Community Sport Fund, Community Development Scheme and Community Organisation Loan Scheme.

The Council has been involved in the assessment of applications under various funding schemes and there is a requirement from the Hillary Commission to have at least 50% of those on the assessment committees as community representatives.

The Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee has comprised 6 or 7 Councillors and an equivalent or greater number of community representatives who have been selected on their ability to represent the community on these committees in the areas of sport, fitness and physical leisure for the Hillary Commission and community development and social well-being for the Community Development Scheme. While numbers on the six Community Board based assessment committees may have varied the same principle has been implemented with community representation being at least 50% of the assessment committees.

During the past three year term of the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee, it has been questioned whether the same community representatives should deal with both Hillary Commission and Community Development Scheme applications. It has been noted that few community representatives have links into both the sporting and community development sectors. It has therefore been suggested that an increased number of community representatives be appointed who have backgrounds and experience in either of these two sectors. This would mean that while the Councillors remained the same on the Metropolitan Funding Committee, the Community representatives would be split so that those representing sport, fitness and physical leisure would deal with Hillary Commission applications and those representing community development and social well-being would deal with the Community Development Scheme applications. This would provide a greater community input into the respective specialist areas for both of these funding schemes.

While this may be an appropriate means of providing greater community input into the assessment of applications by the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee where they receive between 150-200 applications under each category, it may not be appropriate to do the same split at the Community Board level where they receive fewer applications.

In October/November of this year the Council will be calling for new Community Representatives for the seven assessment committees to represent both sport, fitness and physical leisure and community development and social well-being for the next three year term and it would be an appropriate time to make provision for additional members on the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee as outlined above.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Metropolitan Funding Committee appoint separate community representatives (50%+) to deal with the areas of sport, fitness and physical leisure applications, and with community development and social well-being applications, to provide greater community representation on the Assessment Committees.
 2. That this option also be implemented by Community Board Assessment Committees if they think that it is necessary.