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Designers Guideline 007 Technical Leads

Story: Asset Owner's Representatives and Technical Leads

Theme: Design

A designers guideline which explains the role of Technical Leads at SCIRT.

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1. Purpose of guideline

To define the role of the Technical Leads.

2. Background

The Technical Leads are representatives of the Clients organisations and are members of the design teams. Whilst it is expected that they undertake design roles they also act as Technical Advisors to all design teams during the development of the Detailed Designs. Input may also be requested/required during Concept Designs.

3. Recommendation

The Technical Lead role includes:

- Guidance and mentoring of SCIRT design teams
- Checking compliance with minimum standards and agreed concept
- Provide comments for the Detailed Design Report
- Noting obvious errors
- Identifying areas where designs could lead to future problems
- Providing a level of consistency across the four design teams
- Liaising and advising Asset Owner Representatives
- Advocacy and liaison with Council (within SCIRT and Council)
- Promotion of innovations and cost saving opportunities
- Providing feedback to the Designers and the Technical Forums on design issues, including any recurring errors/omissions, areas for improvement, and sharing of lessons learned
- Providing input into SCIRT standard drawing and details on behalf of Council

The Technical Advisor role does not include:

- Imposing personal views or preferences
- A detailed design check or full drawing check – design and drawing verification is the responsibility of the Designer
- Giving approval of the designs

Should the Technical Lead identify betterment opportunities, the Technical Lead is to liaise with the Asset Owner Representative for agreement in principle, and the preparation of a Scope and Standards Paper.