Engaging in design review improves the design quality of projects and can speed up the planning process, leading to quicker delivery of high-quality buildings and places that provide a wide range of benefits to occupants, neighbours and the broader community.

Early pre-lodgement design review is preferable as it offers the opportunity to increase the value and quality of a design proposal, before the cost of changes outweighs the benefits gained. Post-lodgement design review advice is considered in the assessment and recommendation to the decision-maker.