

Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Standing Advisory Committee

Member biographies

Chair

Kathryn Mitchell AM	Position:	Chief Panel Member, Planning Panels Victoria
	Qualifications:	Bachelor of Arts Planning; Graduate Diploma in Urban Sociology; Master of Arts in Research
	Key capabilities:	Strategic and social planning; activity centres and retail planning; EES inquiries
	Membership:	Member Order of Australia; Planning Institute of Australia (Honorary Fellow); Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association (Life Fellow)
	Current or former roles:	Planning consultant; Local Government planner; tertiary academic

Deputy Chairs

Mandy Elliott	Position:	Senior Sessional Member, Planning Panels Victoria
	Qualifications:	Bachelor of Social Science (Social and Environmental Assessment & Policy); Graduate Diploma Applied Science (Environmental Management); Master of Law (Environment)
	Key capabilities:	Environmental impact assessment; environmental law; environmental management
	Membership:	Environmental Institute of Australia and New Zealand; Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association
	Current or former roles:	Environmental consultant (current); State regulator; Commonwealth regulator

Lisa Kendal	Position:	Senior Panel Member, Planning Panels Victoria
	Qualifications:	Bachelor of Arts; Master of Arts (Environmental Science); Master of Social Science (Planning and Environment)
	Key capabilities:	Strategic; rural and regional planning; environmental planning; community engagement
	Membership:	Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association; Planning Institute of Australia; Womens Planning Network (Committee member)
	Current or former roles:	Planning/environmental consultant; Local Government planner; Not for profit Executive Officer

Alison McFarlane	Position:	Senior Panel Member, Planning Panels Victoria
	Qualifications:	Bachelor of Arts Applied Science (Planning); Graduate Diploma Arts (Planning)
	Key capabilities:	Strategic Planning; Statutory Planning; Regional Planning
	Membership:	Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association
	Current or former roles:	State government planner; local government planner; executive management

Lester
Townsend

Position: Senior Panel Member, Planning Panels Victoria

Qualifications: Bachelor Town and Regional Planning;
Graduate Diploma of Sociology (Research)

Key capabilities: Strategic and local area planning; drafting planning controls; urban design policy and assessment; major project assessment

Membership: Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association (Fellow)

Current or former roles: Local government statutory planner; strategic planner; manager urban and landscape strategy; manager transport strategy; consultant

Con Tsotsoros

Position: Deputy Chief Panel Member, Planning Panels Victoria

Qualifications: Bachelor of Applied Science (Planning)

Key capabilities: Strategic and statutory planning; economics; heritage

Membership: Planning Institute of Australia (Registered Planner and Fellow);
Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association

Current or former roles: Planning consultant; State Government planner

Members

Tanya Burdett

Position: Sessional Member, Planning Panels Victoria

Qualifications: Bachelor of Applied Science (Planning) (Distinction);
Master of Environmental Studies (1st Class Honours)

Key capabilities: Strategic planning; strategic and project level environmental and social impact assessment; community engagement; urban planning research (current PhD Candidate)

Membership: Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand;
International Association for Impact Assessment;
International Association for Public Participation;
Integrated Environmental Management Australia;
Planning Institute of Australia
Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association

Current or former roles: Planning/engagement consultant; EIA/SEA Expert for UK central government (former role); Licensed IAP2 Trainer

Shannon
Davies

Position: Sessional Member, Planning Panels Victoria

Qualifications: Bachelor of Science (Environment and Politics);
Master of Social Science (Environment and Planning)

Key capabilities: Strategic and statutory planning

Membership: Planning Institute of Australia;
Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association

Current or former roles: Planning consultant; Local Government planner

Peter Edwards	<p>Position: Sessional Member, Planning Panels Victoria</p> <p>Qualifications: Bachelor of Engineering; Graduate Diploma Municipal Engineering; Graduate Diploma Business Administration</p> <p>Key capabilities: Traffic engineer; road design; general civil engineering</p> <p>Membership: Member of the Institution of Engineers Australia Chartered professional Engineer</p> <p>Current or former roles: Consulting; State and local government civil engineering</p>
Rebecca Finn	<p>Position: Sessional Member, Planning Panels Victoria</p> <p>Qualifications: Bachelor of Built Environment (Landscape Architecture); Graduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture; Master of Urban Design</p> <p>Key capabilities: Urban design and landscape architecture</p> <p>Membership: Australian Institute of Landscape Architects; International Association for Public Participation; UDF</p> <p>Current or former roles: Urban design consultant; Director and Founder of UrbanFold</p>
Ian Hamm	<p>Position: Sessional Member, Planning Panels Victoria</p> <p>Qualifications: Executive Fellows Program -Australia and New Zealand School of Government ; Executive Education Harvard Business School</p> <p>Key capabilities: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Engagement</p> <p>Membership: Australian Institute of Company Directors (Member); Institute of Public Administration Australia (Fellow)</p> <p>Current or former roles: Non-Executive Director; Public Servant</p>
Natasha Reifschneider	<p>Position: Sessional Member, Planning Panels Victoria</p> <p>Qualifications: Bachelor of Applied Science (Planning);Natural Resource Management; Certified Project Manager; Certificate of Public Participation</p> <p>Key capabilities: Coastal planning and management; environment; strategic planning; heritage</p> <p>Membership: Clean Energy Council; Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand; International Association for Public Participation; Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association</p> <p>Current or former roles: Banyule City Council Development Planner; Department of Natural Resources & Environment Coastal Planner; AECOM Australia; Associate Director Environment and IAP team leader</p>

Simon Shiel

Position: Sessional Member, Planning Panels Victoria

Qualifications: Bachelor of Architecture (Honours)

Key capabilities: Architecture and urban design

Current or former roles: Architect; Design Educator; Project Advisor; Independent Certifier; Company Director; Architecture Registration Board Victoria Examiner; Victorian Design Review Panel Member

Jessica Tulloch

Position: Sessional Member, Planning Panels Victoria

Qualifications: Bachelor of Arts -Urban and Regional Planning (Honours)

Key capabilities: Strategic and statutory planning; heritage; affordable housing

Membership: Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association (Fellow)

Current or former roles: State and Local Government planner; planning consultant
