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Dear Party

Victorian Planning Authority Projects Standing Advisory Committee Referral 17: Greater Avalon Employment Precinct

Site inspection

The Committee is to undertake its site inspection of the precinct and surrounds on the 23 April 2026 based on requests received from parties and the itinerary to be provided by DTP. This will be an unaccompanied site inspection except for the Avalon Airport (the airport) site which will need to be accompanied for security reasons.

Due to limits on party size, security requirements, and the need for site inductions, the inspection of the airport will include one representative from Avalon Airport and one representative from DTP to ensure transparency.

During the inspection of the airport, the committee will not engage with or receive submissions from these representatives on matters associated with the amendment or upcoming hearing beyond explaining site features and operations.

If any party has concerns with these arrangements, please advise the Committee by 12 noon Tuesday 21 April 2026.

Timetable

Please find attached version 3 of the Timetable, which has been updated to include the following changes:

- the Hearing venue has changed, the Hearing will now be held at **Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)**
- Stephen Kelly has been added as a party to the Hearing
- Avalon Landcare Group has been added as a party to the Hearing
- representative details of Viva Energy have been updated
- Avalon 2020, Avalon City and Avalon Lodge advised they no longer intend to call a drainage expert
- Avalon Airport Pty Ltd advised it no longer intends to call a planning and economics expert
- an additional 30 minutes has been allocated to DTP opening submissions
- submissions from Sarah McNaught and MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd have been rescheduled to Friday 15 May, instead of Tuesday 19 May, due to availability constraints
- closing submissions have been rescheduled to Tuesday 19 May, and Wednesday 20 May has been vacated

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As some experts are no longer being called, the timetabling of the remaining experts has changed. Please check the timetable carefully and advise if this presents any availability issues.

If you have questions, please contact Georgia Jennings, Project Officer on (03) 9935 4196 or office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Conway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Sally Conway
Committee Chair

Timetable

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Timetable Version 3

Join the Hearing online:

By Microsoft Teams video conference:

[click here to join the meeting](#) (Meeting ID: 416 412 420 483 2, Passcode: ZB29V3Gr)

Day 1: Tuesday 28 April 2026

Venue: Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		20 mins
Opening submission			
9:50am	New Communities, DTP (DTP) represented by Briana Eastaugh and Charlie Wurm of Maddocks – Opening submission		1 hour
Drainage and hydrology evidence			
10:50am	Drainage and hydrology experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ben Hughes of Water Technology, called by the DTP- Scott Dunn of Engeny, called by City of Greater Geelong Council		
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:30pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 2: Wednesday 29 April 2026

Venue: Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
Drainage and hydrology evidence			
9:45am	Drainage and hydrology experts continued: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Michael Mag of Stormy Water Solutions Consulting, called by Avalon Ind 1 Pty Ltd- Chris Beardshaw of Afflux, called by MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd- Isaac Clarey of Loetis, called by Sarah McNaught		
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 3: Thursday 30 April 2026

Venue: Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		10 mins
Aquatic ecology evidence			
9:40am	Aquatic ecology evidence: - Lance Lloyd of Lloyd Environmental, called by DTP		.5 days
11:00am	Day close		

Day 4: Monday 4 May 2026

Venue: Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		10 mins
Planning evidence			
9:40am	Planning experts: - Stephen Rowley of SGS Economics & Planning, called by DTP - David Barnes of Hansen, called by Avalon Ind 1 Pty Ltd - John Glossop of Glossop Town Planning, called by MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd		
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 5: Tuesday 5 May 2026

Venue: Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		10 mins
Ecology and biodiversity evidence			
9:40am	Ecology and biodiversity experts: - Justin Pegg of WSP, called by DTP - Jenna Forbes of SMEC, called by Council		
11:15am	Break		1 hour
12:30pm	Day close		

Day 6: Wednesday 6 May 2026

Venue: Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		10 mins
Ecology and biodiversity evidence			
9:40am	Ecology and biodiversity experts continued: - Dan Well of SMEC, called by Council - Aaron Harvey of Biosis, called by MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd - Ian Smales of Biosis, called by MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd		
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 7: Thursday 7 May 2026

Venue: Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		10 mins
Traffic and Transport evidence			
9:40am	Traffic and transport experts: - Reece Humphreys of Stantec, called by DTP - Henry Turnbull of Traffix Group, called by Avalon Airport Pty Ltd		
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:30pm	Day close		

Day 8: Monday 11 May 2026

Venue: Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Reserve morning		
Traffic and Transport evidence			
1:00pm	Preliminary matters		10 mins
1:10pm	Traffic and transport experts continued: - Hilary Marshall of Ratio, called by Avalon Ind 1 Pty Ltd - David Beaton of Quantum Traffic, called by Avalon 2020, Avalon City and Avalon Lodge		
2:10pm	Break		15 mins
3:30pm	Day close		

Day 9: Tuesday 12 May 2026

Venue: Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		5 mins
Submissions			
9:35am	New Communities, DTP (DTP) represented by Briana Eastaugh and Charlie Wurm of Maddocks		4 hours
11:05am	Break		10 mins
11:15am	DTP continued		
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:45pm	DTP continued		
2:45pm	Break		15 mins
3:00pm	Jurien Bay Lobster Co Pty Ltd represented by Jarryd Gray of MinterEllison	34	1 hour
4:00pm	Day close		

Day 10: Wednesday 13 May 2026

Venue: Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		5 mins
Submissions			
9:35am	Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action represented by Melissa McCallum	32	10 mins
9:45am	City of Greater Geelong (Council) represented by Rory O'Connor of Hall & Wilcox	56	2 hours
11:15am	Break		15 mins
11:30am	Council continued		

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12:00pm	Melbourne Water represented by Aaron Shrimpton of Harwood Andrews Lawyers	53	1.5 hours
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:45pm	Melbourne Water continued		
2:30pm	Avalon Airport Pty Ltd represented by Chris Townshend KC with Stephanie Mann	51	1.5 hours
3:30pm	Break		15 mins
3:45pm	Avalon Airport Pty Ltd continued		
4:15pm	Stephen Kelly	33	10 mins
4:25pm	Avalon Landcare Group represented by Adrian Hebbard	35	10 mins
4:25pm	Day close		

Day 11: Thursday 14 May 2026

Venue: Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
Submissions			
9:45am	Avalon 2020, Avalon City and Avalon Lodge represented by John Cicero and Jack Curnow of Best Hooper Lawyers	36	2 hours
11:15am	Break		15 mins
11:30am	Avalon 2020, Avalon City and Avalon Lodge continued		
12:00pm	Avalon Ind 1 Pty Ltd represented by Andrew Walker instructed by David Passarella of Colin Biggers & Paisley Lawyers	44	3 hours
12:30pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:30pm	Avalon Ind 1 Pty Ltd continued		
3:00pm	Break		15 mins
3:15pm	Avalon Ind 1 Pty Ltd continued		
4:15pm	Ken Campbell	10	10 mins
4:25pm	Day close		

Day 12: Friday 15 May 2026

Venue: Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		5 mins
Submissions			
9:35am	Sarah McNaught represented by Simon Loader of Tract Consultants	42	1 hour
10:35am	MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd represented by Peter O'Farrell KC and Tom Ellicott instructed by Rhodie Anderson of Rigby Cooke Lawyers	40	4 hours
11:05m	Break		15 mins
11:20am	MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd continued		
12:50pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:50pm	MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd continued		
3.00pm	Break		15 mins
3:15pm	MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd continued		
4:15pm	Day close		

Day 13: Monday 18 May 2026

Venue: Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
Submissions			
9:45am	55 Beach Road Pty Ltd represented by Barnaby Chessell SC and Jane Sharp, instructed by Amar Singh of Norton Rose Fulbright Australia	45	2 hours
11:15am	Break		15 mins
11:30am	55 Beach Road Pty Ltd continued		
12:00pm	Viva Energy represented by Kayla Gregg of Davis Advisory	43	30 mins
12:30pm	Avalon Property Corp represented by Will Kleid	57	15 mins
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:45pm	Vinku Seerha represented by Mark Marsden of Transect Planning	38	1 hour
2:45pm	Grassy Plains Network (VNPA) represented by Adrian Marshall	52	1.5 hours
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
3:30pm	Grassy Plains Network (VNPA) continued		
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 14: Tuesday 19 May 2026

Venue: Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street (Room 2.02/3)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
Closing submissions			
9:45am	City of Greater Geelong (Council) represented by Rory O'Connor of Hall & Wilcox		30 mins
10:15am	New Communities, DTP (DTP) represented by Briana Eastaugh and Charlie Wurm of Maddocks		1 hour
11:15am	Hearing close		

Wednesday 20 May 2026

Vacated

Hearing Timetable Notes:

1. If you are unable to be present at your scheduled time, please contact Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 9935 4196 as soon as possible.
2. Please be present or online at least 15 minutes before your scheduled start time.
3. The Committee may amend a Party's start time without notice. You will be contacted in advance if you are to be rescheduled to a different day.
4. Time will be made for morning and afternoon breaks each day. Break times will be taken at appropriate points in the proceedings, and break times in the timetable are indicative only.
5. If you have any questions about the timetable, please contact Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 9935 4196.