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Dear Party

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

Hearing start date and roundtable

The Committee has agreed to accept the request to hear from hydrology and drainage experts in a round table format, as proposed by DTP New Communities and agreed with other parties calling drainage experts (tabled document 40). The request is based on the high level agreement reached by the experts through the conclave process. Therefore, the Hearing will commence at **9:30am on Wednesday 29 April 2026** instead of Tuesday 28 April 2026 as previously scheduled. The following conditions apply:

- drainage and hydrology experts will appear together
- each expert will be given an opportunity to present a brief opening overview of their statement
- the presentation by each hydrology/drainage expert is strictly limited to 15 minutes
- each expert should provide a short written copy of the material they present at the roundtable
- questions will be directed to experts collectively using the Statement from the Conclave for Hydrology, Stormwater, Drainage and Ecohydrology as a guide (tabled document 36)
- following this, residual questions may be asked by any party and the Committee
- the roundtable discussion will end no later than 4:30pm on Wednesday 29 April 2026
- as a contingency, all the experts must be available on Thursday, 30 April 2026 to reconvene if necessary.

Timetable

Please find attached version 4 of the Timetable, which has been updated to include the following changes:

- the Hearing will commence at 9:30am Wednesday 29 April 2026
- DTP have been allocated additional time for opening submissions
- Jurien Bay Lobster Co Pty advised it will rely on its written submission and will no longer appear at the Hearing
- Will Kleid (Avalon Property Corporation) advised he wished to withdraw from the Hearing process and withdraw his written submission
- representatives of Sarah McNaught advised they no longer intend to call Isaac Clarey to give evidence in chief or to participate in the round table for hydrology and drainage experts

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

Yours sincerely

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Sally Conway
Committee Chair

Timetable

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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: Wednesday 29 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
10:50am	Break		15 mins
Drainage and hydrology roundtable			
11:05am	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- 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		
12:30pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 2: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lance Lloyd of Lloyd Environmental, called by DTP		
11:00am	Reserve		
12:45pm	Day close		

Day 3: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 4: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Justin Pegg of WSP, called by DTP - Jenna Forbes of SMEC, called by Council 		
11:15am	Break		1 hour
12:30pm	Day close		

Day 5: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 6: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 7: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 8: 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		

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2:45pm	Break	15 mins
3:00pm	Day close	

Day 9: 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		
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 10: 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			

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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 11: 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

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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 12: 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	Lunch break		1 hour
1:30pm	Vinku Seerha represented by Mark Marsden of Transect Planning	38	1 hour
2:30pm	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 13: 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
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11:15am	Hearing close
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Wednesday 20 May 2026

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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.