



# Planning Panels Victoria

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Dear Party

## **VPA Projects Standing Advisory Committee Referral 15 | Ballarat North PSP and DCP**

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The Committee has prepared an updated timetable and distribution list. Changes to this version of the timetable include:

- Updates to Day 11 (15 April), to reduce the submission time allocated to Landmack Developments Pty Ltd
- Updates to Day 14 (22 April), to reflect the withdrawal of The Estate of Leslye Dawn Evans

Please find attached:

- Distribution List (version 4, no updates)
- Hearing Timetable (version 3)

Yours sincerely,

**Sarah Raso**  
**Committee Chair**

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# Timetable

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## Hearing calendar

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	23 March	24 March	25 March	26 March	27 March
	Opening submissions	Drainage and stormwater evidence		Traffic and transport evidence	Non sitting day
	Drainage and stormwater evidence			Non-sitting afternoon	
2	30 March	31 March	1 April	2 April	3 April
	Traffic and transport evidence	Traffic and transport evidence	Planning evidence	Reserve	Non sitting day
		Planning evidence			
3	13 April	14 April	15 April	16 April	17 April
	Development contributions and costings evidence		Planning Authority submissions	Other party submissions	Non sitting day
			Other party submissions		
	20 April	21 April	22 April	23 April	24 April
4	Non sitting day	Council submissions	Other party submissions		
		Other party submissions			
5	27 April				
	Planning Authority closing submission				
	Drafting session (TBC)				

## Timetable Version 3

### Week 1

#### Day 1: Monday 23 March 2026

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000 and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbf2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		20 mins
<b>Opening submissions</b>			
10:20am	<b>New Communities, DTP (Planning Authority)</b> represented by James Lofting of Russell Kennedy		1 hour and 15 mins

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<b>11:35am</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>15 mins</b>
11:50am	<b>City of Ballarat (Council)</b> represented by Kristin Richardson of Maddocks	30 mins
12:20pm	<b>Dennis Family Corporation</b> represented by Peter O'Farrell KC of Counsel, instructed by Planning and Property Partners	15 mins
12:35pm	<b>Ballarat Grammar Foundation</b> represented by Andrew Walker of Counsel, instructed by Colin, Biggers & Paisley Lawyers	15 mins
<b>12:50pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>1 hour</b>
1:50pm	<b>Casey Capital Australia Pty Ltd</b> represented by Chris Townshend KC, instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright	15 mins
2:05pm	<b>North Ballarat Pastoral Pty Ltd</b> represented by Paul Connor of Counsel, instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright	15 mins

**Drainage and stormwater evidence**

2:20pm	Drainage and stormwater experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nina Barich</b> of Incitus, called by the Planning Authority</li> <li>• <b>Chris Beardshaw</b> of Afflux Consulting, called by Landmack Developments Pty Ltd</li> <li>• <b>John Mathios</b> of DPM Consulting Group, called by Dennis Family Corporation</li> <li>• <b>Scott Dunn</b> of Engeny, called by Ballarat Grammar Foundation</li> <li>• <b>Rob Swan</b> of HARC, called by North Ballarat Pastoral</li> <li>• <b>Warwick Bishop</b> of Water Technology, called by Casey Capital Australia</li> </ul>	2.5 days
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4:30pm Day close

**Day 2: Tuesday 24 March 2026**

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000 and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbf2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters	15 mins

**Drainage and Stormwater evidence**

10:15am	<b>Drainage and stormwater evidence</b> continued	
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>1 hour</b>
1:30pm	<b>Drainage and stormwater evidence</b> continued	
4:30pm	Day close	

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**Day 3: Wednesday 25 March 2026**

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000 and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters	15 mins
<b>Drainage and stormwater evidence</b>		
10:15am	<b>Drainage and stormwater evidence</b> continued	
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>1 hour</b>
1:30pm	<b>Drainage and stormwater evidence</b> continued	
4:30pm	Day close	

**Day 4: Thursday 26 March 2026**

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000 and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters	15 mins
<b>Traffic and transport evidence</b>		
10:15pm	Traffic and transport experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ben Mentha</b> of PGA Australia, called by the Planning Authority</li> <li>• <b>Tim De Young</b> of Eukai, called by Council</li> <li>• <b>Valentine Gnanakone</b> of One Mile Grid, called by Dennis Family Corporation</li> <li>• <b>Jason Walsh</b> of Traffix, called by Casey Capital Pty Ltd</li> <li>• <b>Hillary Marshall</b> of Ratio Consultants, called by North Ballarat Pastoral</li> <li>• <b>Leigh Furness</b> of Traffix, called by Ballarat Grammar Foundation</li> </ul>	2 days
1.00	Day close	

**Week 2**

**Day 5: Monday 30 March 2026**

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000 and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters	15 mins
<b>Traffic and transport evidence</b>		
10:15am	<b>Traffic and transport evidence</b> continued	
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>1 hour</b>

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1:30pm **Traffic and transport evidence** continued

4:30pm Day close

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**Day 6: Tuesday 31 March 2026**

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000 and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters	15 mins
<b>Traffic and transport evidence</b>		
10:15am	<b>Traffic and transport evidence</b> continued	
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>1 hour</b>
<b>Planning evidence</b>		
1:30pm	Planning experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mark Woodland</b> of Urbis, called by Casey Capital</li> <li>• <b>Tim McBride-Burgess</b> of Contour, called by North Ballarat Pastoral</li> <li>• <b>Jason Black</b> of Insight Planning, called by Dennis Family Corporation</li> </ul>	1.5 days
4:30pm	Day close	

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**Day 7: Wednesday 1 April 2026**

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000 and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters	15 mins
10:15am	<b>Planning evidence</b> continued	
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>1 hour</b>
1:30pm	<b>Planning evidence</b> continued	
4:30pm	Day close	

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**Day 8: Thursday 2 April 2026**

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000 and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters	15 mins
10:15am	<b>Reserve</b>	
1:00pm	Day close	

**Week 3**

**Day 9: Monday 13 April 2026**

Venue: Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 1 (Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne) and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters	15 mins

**Development contributions and costings evidence**

10:15am	Development contributions and costings experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chris De Silva</b> of Mesh Planning, called by the Planning Authority</li> <li>• <b>Alex Hrelja</b> of Hill PDA, called by Council</li> <li>• <b>Paul Shipp</b> of Urban Enterprise, called by Casey Capital</li> <li>• <b>Greg Bursill</b> of Bursill Consulting, called by North Ballarat Pastoral</li> <li>• <b>Mark Flemming</b> of Verve Consulting (costings), called by North Ballarat Pastoral</li> <li>• <b>Jason Black</b> of Insight (DCP), called by Dennis Family Corporation</li> </ul>	<b>2 days</b>
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>1 hour</b>
1:30pm	<b>Development contributions and costings evidence</b> continued	
4:30pm	Day close	

**Day 10: Tuesday 14 April 2026**

Venue: Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 1 (Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne) and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters	15 mins

**Development contributions and costings evidence**

10:15am	<b>Development contributions and costings evidence</b> continued	
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>1 hour</b>

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1:30pm **Development contributions and costings evidence** continued

4:30pm Day close

**Day 11: Wednesday 15 April 2026**

Venue: Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 1 (Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne) and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
<b>Submissions</b>			
10:15am	<b>Planning Authority</b> represented by James Lofting of Russell Kennedy Lawyers		3 hours
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>		<b>1 hour</b>
<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Planning Authority</b> continued		
<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>Landmack Developments Pty Ltd</b> represented by John Cicero of Best Hooper	62	30 mins
3:00pm	Day close		

**Day 12: Thursday 16 April 2026**

Venue: Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 1 (Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne) and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10:15am	<b>North Ballarat Pastoral</b> represented by Paul Connor KC and Tom Ellicott of Counsel, instructed by Nick Sutton of Norton Rose Fulbright, Submissions, and calling the following expert evidence: - Economics from Gavin Duane of Location IQ	58	1 day
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>		<b>1 hour</b>
1:30pm	<b>North Ballarat Pastoral</b> continued		
4:30pm	Day close		

**Week 4**

**Day 13: Tuesday 21 April 2026**

Venue: Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 1 (Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne) and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10:15am	<b>Council</b> represented by Kristin Richardson of Maddocks	62	3 hours
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>		<b>1 hour</b>

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1:30pm	<b>Council</b> continued		
2:30pm	<b>Margaret Maher</b> represented by Lauren Maher	54	1 hour
<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Break</b>		<b>15 mins</b>
4:00pm	<b>Howard Bartlett</b>	40	<b>30 mins</b>
4:30pm	Day close		

**Day 14: Wednesday 22 April 2026**

Venue: Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 1 (Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne) and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10:15am	<b>Casey Capital Pty Ltd</b> represented by Chris Townshend KC, instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright	53	3 hours
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>		<b>1 hour</b>
<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Casey Capital Pty Ltd</b> continued		
2:15pm	Day close		

**Day 15: Thursday 23 April 2026**

Venue: Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 1 (Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne) and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		<b>15 mins</b>
10:15am	<b>Dennis Family Corporation</b> represented by Peter O'Farrell KC of Counsel, instructed by Rob McKendrick of Planning and Property Partners, and calling the following expert evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Economics from Chris McNeil of Colliers</li> <li>- Social Planning from Robert Panozzo of ASR Research</li> </ul>	33	1 day
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>		<b>1 hour</b>
1:30pm	<b>Dennis Family Corporation</b> continued		
4:30pm	Day close		

**Day 16: Friday 24 April 2026**

Venue: Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 1 (Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne) and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		<b>15 mins</b>

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10:15am	<b>Ballarat Grammar Foundation</b> represented by Andrew Walker of Counsel, instructed by David Passarella of Colin, Biggers and Paisley Lawyers, and calling the following expert evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Open space from Jenn Benden of Xyst Australia</li><li>- Planning from Johanthan Fetterplace of A Different City (<i>who is not available during the planning themed evidence days</i>)</li></ul>	1 day
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>1 hour</b>
1:30pm	<b>Ballarat Grammar Foundation</b> continued	
4:30pm	Day close	

### Week 5

#### Day 17: Monday 27 April 2026

Venue: Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 1 (Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne) and online at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4941787132427?p=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		<b>15 mins</b>
10:15am	<b>Planning Authority</b> closing submission		1 hour
11:15am	<b>Drafting session</b> TBC		1 hour
12:15pm	Hearing close		

#### Hearing Timetable Notes:

1. If you are unable to be present at your scheduled time, please contact Planning Panels Victoria at [office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au](mailto:office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au) 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. However, 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. Getting to the Hearing venue – Planning Panels Victoria (corner Spring and Flinders Streets) is on the 75 and City Circle tram lines and a short walk from the Collins Street trams 109, 11, 12 and 48. It is also a short walk from Parliament Train Station.
6. If you have any questions about the timetable, please contact Planning Panels Victoria at [office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au](mailto:office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au)