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Dear Party

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

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

- Margaret Maher will now present on Monday 27 April
- Dennis Family Corporation has been allocated 30 mins for a right of reply (if required) on Monday 27 April

Please find attached:

- Distribution List (version 5)
- Hearing Timetable (version 4)

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 4

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 |
| Opening submissions | | | |
| 10:20am | New Communities, DTP (Planning Authority) represented by James Lofting of Russell Kennedy | | 1 hour and 15 mins |

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

Drainage and stormwater evidence

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| 2:20pm | Drainage and stormwater experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nina Barich of Incitus, called by the Planning Authority • Chris Beardshaw of Afflux Consulting, called by Landmack Developments Pty Ltd • John Mathios of DPM Consulting Group, called by Dennis Family Corporation • Scott Dunn of Engeny, called by Ballarat Grammar Foundation • Rob Swan of HARC, called by North Ballarat Pastoral • Warwick Bishop of Water Technology, called by Casey Capital Australia | 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 | Drainage and stormwater evidence continued | |
| 12:30pm | Lunch break | 1 hour |
| 1:30pm | Drainage and stormwater evidence continued | |
| 4:30pm | Day close | |

Timetable Version 4:

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 |
| Drainage and stormwater evidence | | |
| 10:15am | Drainage and stormwater evidence continued | |
| 12:30pm | Lunch break | 1 hour |
| 1:30pm | Drainage and stormwater evidence 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 |
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| 10:00am | Preliminary matters | 15 mins |
| Traffic and transport evidence | | |
| 10:15pm | Traffic and transport experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Mentha of PGA Australia, called by the Planning Authority • Tim De Young of Eukai, called by Council • Valentine Gnanakone of One Mile Grid, called by Dennis Family Corporation • Jason Walsh of Traffix, called by Casey Capital Pty Ltd • Hillary Marshall of Ratio Consultants, called by North Ballarat Pastoral • Leigh Furness of Traffix, called by Ballarat Grammar Foundation | 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 |
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| 10:00am | Preliminary matters | 15 mins |
| Traffic and transport evidence | | |
| 10:15am | Traffic and transport evidence continued | |
| 12:30pm | Lunch break | 1 hour |

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

4:30pm Day close

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

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 |
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| 10:00am | Preliminary matters | 15 mins |
| 10:15am | Planning evidence continued | |
| 12:30pm | Lunch break | 1 hour |
| 1:30pm | Planning evidence 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 |
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| 10:00am | Preliminary matters | 15 mins |
| 10:15am | Reserve | |
| 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 |
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| 10:00am | Preliminary matters | 15 mins |

Development contributions and costings evidence

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

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| 10:15am | Development contributions and costings evidence continued | |
| 12:30pm | Lunch break | 1 hour |

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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 |
| Submissions | | | |
| 10:15am | Planning Authority represented by James Lofting of Russell Kennedy Lawyers | | 3 hours |
| 12:30pm | Lunch break | | 1 hour |
| 1:30pm | Planning Authority continued | | |
| 2:30pm | Landmack Developments Pty Ltd represented by Edward Mahoney 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 | North Ballarat Pastoral 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 |
| 12:30pm | Lunch break | | 1 hour |
| 1:30pm | North Ballarat Pastoral 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 | Council represented by Kristin Richardson of Maddocks | 62 | 3 hours |
| 12:30pm | Lunch break | | 1 hour |

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| 1:30pm | Council continued | | |
| 2:30pm | Howard Bartlett | 40 | 30 mins |
| 3.00pm | 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 | Casey Capital Pty Ltd represented by Chris Townshend KC and Jane Sharp of Counsel, instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright | 53 | 3 hours |
| 12:30pm | 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 | | 15 mins |
| 10:15am | Dennis Family Corporation represented by Peter O'Farrell KC and Ms Tara Hooper of Counsel, instructed by Rob McKendrick of Planning and Property Partners, and calling the following expert evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economics from Chris McNeil of Colliers - Social Planning from Robert Panozzo of ASR Research | 33 | 1 day |
| 12:30pm | Lunch break | | 1 hour |
| 1:30pm | Dennis Family Corporation 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 | | 15 mins |
| 10:15am | Ballarat Grammar Foundation 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"> - Open space from Jenn Benden of Xyst Australia (online) | | 1 day |

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- Planning from Johanthan Fetterplace of A Different City (*who is not available during the planning themed evidence days*)

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| 12:30pm | Lunch break | 1 hour |
| 1:30pm | Ballarat Grammar Foundation 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 | | 15 mins |
| 10:15am | Margaret Maher represented by Lauren Maher | 54 | 1 hour |
| 11.15am | Dennis Family Corporation closing submission (if required) | | 30 mins |
| 11:45pm | Planning Authority closing submission | | 1 hour |
| 12:45pm | Lunch break | | 1 hour |
| 1.45 | Drafting session | | 1 hour |
| 2:45pm | 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 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