

Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee – Member Biographies

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Surname	First Name	Biography
Lead Chair		
Mitchell	Kathy	Kathryn (Kathy) Mitchell AM is the Chief Panel Member of Planning Panels Victoria. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Planning, a Graduate Diploma in Urban Sociology and a Master of Arts in Planning (Research). She has previously worked in the private sector, local government, and as an academic, specialising in social and strategic planning, and Activity Centre development. She was a Senior Panel Member with Planning Panels Victoria from 1996 until her appointment as Chief Panel Member in June 2004. Kathy was an occasional sessional member with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal from 1999 – 2004, and is the immediate past President and a Fellow of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association. Kathy was appointed as a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia (General Division) in the Queen’s Birthday 2021 Honours List in recognition of her significant service to urban planning and to professional associations. Kathy regularly chairs planning and environmental matters of State and regional significance, including the Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee, Distinctive Areas and Landscape Standing Advisory Committee, Crib Point EES, Fishermans Bend Review Panel, Melbourne Metro EES, East West Link, Logical Inclusions Advisory Committee, Standard Development Contributions Advisory Committee, amongst many others. She has a strong reputation for chairing hearings with certainty, fairness, and timeliness.
Chairs		
Carlisle	Sarah	Sarah Carlisle was appointed as a Senior Panel Member in July 2018 after three years as a Senior Sessional Member. Sarah has qualifications in Law and Arts. She has significant expertise in planning, environmental and administrative law, planning and environmental approval processes for large infrastructure projects, strategic planning and social housing. Sarah has previously worked as a practicing lawyer in private practice in Melbourne and the United Kingdom, as well as in the public sector in Victoria. Sarah is a Board Member of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association.
Hellsten	Tim	Tim holds a Bachelor of Town and Regional Planning (Hons) and qualifications in Management and Project Management. He has over 30 years experience in statutory and strategic planning in local government and private industry predominantly within regional Victoria. Tim's experience includes heritage and urban design, rural area and coastal planning, activity centre and growth area planning. Tim is a Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia and former member of the Central Coastal Board. Tim has been a Senior Panel member since August 2018.

Kendal	Lisa	Lisa is an experienced environment and planning professional, who has worked for over 25 years in local government, private practice and the not for profit sector. Most recently Lisa was Manager Strategic Planning at the City of Ballarat, and was a sessional member of Planning Panels Victoria from 2015 – 2017. She holds a Master Environmental Science and a Master of Social Science (Environment and Planning), and has expertise in strategic planning, rural and regional planning, open space planning, sustainable development and community engagement. Lisa is a member of the Planning Institute of Australia and the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association. Lisa is Ballarat based and in 2019 she was honoured to be awarded the Female Achiever of the Year Award from the Planning Institute of Australia.
Townsend	Lester	Lester was appointed as Senior Panel Member in 2005, following several years as a sessional member. He has undergraduate qualifications in town and regional planning and post graduate qualifications in sociology. Lester has significant expertise in strategic and statutory planning, project implementation and plain English communication and drafting. He has previously worked in the Local Government and private sectors. Lester is a Fellow of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association.
Tsotsoros	Con	Con Tsotsoros was appointed as the Deputy Chief Panel Member in August 2021 and has been with Planning Panels Victoria since July 2013. Con has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Planning, with 14 years' experience in the private sector focussed on planning and economics. This includes retail and commercial, tourist precincts, major residential, business parks, golf/residential estates, and mixed use developments in Victoria and interstate. He has held positions in local government, and has been with state government planning since 2006 as Assistant Director Statutory Systems, where he led major planning reform initiatives. At PPV, Con has specialised in retail, economic, strategic and master planning and heritage. These include retail proposals and structure planning involving economic issues in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria. Other matters include solar energy facilities proposals with state-significant economic considerations and industrial strategies. Con is a registered planner and a Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia and member of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association.
Deputy Chairs		
Ballock	Michael	Michael is an experienced Planner Geographer and Economist. He has worked as a planner for over 35 years in the government and private sectors, taught planning at universities and has also undertaken senior executive roles in local government. He was first appointed as a sessional member of Planning Panels Victoria from 1987 to 1998 and again in January 2016 and has been appointed to a broad range of matters including Environmental Effects Statement Advisory Committees. In private practice he has helped prepare Environmental Effects Statements and represented local government at EES hearings. He has extensive experience in strategic planning, environmental assessment and development impacts. Michael has extensive leadership and management experience at senior level in the government, education and private sectors. He has thorough understanding of implications of decisions that need to balance competing interests. He is a former committee member and a full of the member Planning Institute of Australia. He is a member of the Victorian Planning & Environmental Law Association and a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Michael is based in the north east suburbs of Melbourne operating as a consultant advising local government on strategic development issues.

Eade	Rodger	Professor Rodger Eade is an academic and former senior manager at Victoria University. Rodger was trained as an economist and originally taught in planning and economics, after working as a Research Economist at the ANZ Bank and the Commonwealth Bureau of Roads. After teaching full-time for almost 20 years, Rodger was a Head of School Deputy Dean in the Faculty of Arts and a series of senior management positions. He is a Senior Sessional Panel Member at Planning Panels Victoria. Rodger has wide experience in planning, and has been a member of and has chaired Panels for significant developments including the Scoresby Transport Corridor, now Eastlink, and Advisory Committees for Logical Inclusions and Standard Development Contributions and the Fishermans Bend Review Panel. He has held other government appointments chairing significant planning projects. Rodger has been a Director of the Western Region Health Centre Ltd and Ozford Institute of Higher Education and Chair of the former. Rodger is an experienced and qualified Company Director.
Elliott	Mandy	Mandy has qualifications in social science, applied science (environmental management) and environmental law. Mandy is a Principal Environmental Scientist with professional experience in the private and public sector, including ten years at the Department of Planning and Community Development within the Environmental Assessment Unit. From February 2010 Mandy has worked in the private sector as a consultant, based in the Geelong region and as Director of EnviroME Pty Ltd since 2011. Mandy has credentials in Environmental Impact Assessment and is the author of Environmental Impact Assessment in Australia: Theory and Practice 6th Ed. (February 2014). Mandy is a Certified Environmental Practitioner (Impact Assessment Specialist). Mandy has been a Sessional Member of Planning Panels Victoria since 2012 and has been a Member of a range of Panels, EES Inquiries and Advisory Committee's including Deputy Chair of the Government Land Standing Advisory Committee, Echuca-Moama Bridge IAC, the Melbourne Metro Rail Project IAC and West Gate Tunnel Project IAC.
Kirsch	Michael	Michael is a strategic and statutory planner with over 30 years' town planning experience. Michael has worked for local and State governments in Victoria and interstate and has been a sole practitioner planning consultant since 2000. He has tertiary qualifications in town planning and business. Michael is a Senior Sessional Member of Planning Panels Victoria and has chaired or been a member of a wide range of Planning Panels and Ministerial Advisory Committees.
McCullough	Trevor	Trevor is a Senior Sessional Panel member. He has qualifications in: Civil Engineering; Planning and Environment; and Social Science and over 40 years experience in Victorian state and local government at Ballarat, Hobsons Bay and Kingston City Councils. Prior to his 15 years in local government, he was a transport planner at the Road Traffic Authority and a property development manager at the Public Transport Corporation. Trevor has chaired over one hundred panels, Environmental Effects Statement (EES) inquiries and advisory committees throughout metropolitan and regional Victoria, including: large growth area Precinct Structure Plans; the Car Parking Advisory Committee; the Punt Road Advisory Committee; the Mordialloc Bypass, Western Highway and Echuca-Moama bridge EES Inquiries; and numerous planning scheme amendments.
Merrett	David	David is a strategic and statutory planner with more than 25 years' experience. He has been a Director of a planning consultancy for the last 18 years. Prior to this he held senior planning roles in local government. David has extensive experience in strategy development, plan development and policy development and review and has been a Sessional Panel Member since 2004.

O'Neil	William	William O'Neil is a Director of O'Neil Pollock & Associates, an independent town planning and economic development consultancy based in Harcourt, Central Victoria. William specialises in strategic and statutory town planning services and local and regional economic development strategy preparation. William is a Senior Sessional Member with Planning Panels Victoria. In his 19 years with PPV William has chaired or been a member of a wide range of residential, commercial, industrial and whole of planning scheme amendments and Environmental Effect Statement hearings throughout metropolitan Melbourne and country Victoria. In addition, William has served as a Board Director on Coliban Region Water Corporation.
Underwood	Geoff	Geoff Underwood is a Senior Sessional Member of Planning Panels Victoria. In business, he is the principal of Underwood & Hume Pty Ltd a planning consultancy with a range of experience in statutory, strategic and development planning. Geoff has experience and knowledge of the Victoria planning system which comes from working as a ministerial advisor beginning in 1971 and extending to 2006. He has a specialist knowledge in statutory and strategic planning, development planning including Precinct Structure Plans and Contribution Plans, and policy development. Geoff's long history of engagement on policy development for land and housing includes working with all levels of Government on policy development where he has served on numerous committees as well as being Chairman of Ministerial Advisory Committees reviewing the Victorian Planning System in 2011 and subsequent reviews of the Residential, Industrial, Commercial and Rural zones for Victoria.
Members		
Adams	Rob	Prof Rob Adams AM has over 40 years of experience in planning with over 150 international, state and local awards, including the Prime Minister's Environmentalist of the Year Award in 2008 and Order of Australia in 2007. He is currently the City Architect for the City of Melbourne and has a private practice, Adams Urban. Mr Adams has qualifications in Bachelor of Architecture, Cape Town University and Masters of Urban Design, CNNA Oxford Brooks University.
Bell	Elissa	Elissa has qualifications in Science and Law. She has over 15 years' experience in environmental assessment specialising in environmental impact assessments and environmental and planning processes in both private and public sectors. In these roles, Elissa has written, reviewed and managed environmental impact assessments for mining and infrastructure projects in Australia and overseas. Elissa has been a Sessional Member of Planning Panels Victoria since 2018. Recently, Elissa has been a member of the following panels: Banyule C107, Yan Yean Road Upgrade (Stage 2) Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee and the Western Outer Ring Main Gas Pipeline Inquiry and Panel.
Blackley	Steve	Steve is a Sessional Member with over 25 years experience across diverse organisations in both Victoria and New South Wales. His broad background in both metropolitan and regional settings extends across statutory and strategic planning, natural and built environments, coastal and marine management, biodiversity, public land, infrastructure and development issues. He established a small consultancy in 2016 and holds a degree in Applied Science (Coastal Management) complemented by a range of professional development credentials.

Butcher	Debra	Debra is a statutory and strategic planner with significant town planning experience. She has worked on a diversity of projects throughout her career ranging from providing advice and obtaining approvals for residential projects (including greenfield subdivisions), retail proposals and education centres, through to undertaking environmental assessment and planning work for infrastructure projects including power lines, wind farms and quarries. Debra became a Sessional Panel Member at PPV in 2014 and in 2015 established her own consulting practice, having previously worked at a number of different Melbourne based planning consultancies. As a sessional Member, Debra has been involved in a range of Panels in both metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria, and was a member of the Managing Residential Development Advisory Committee and the Social Housing Advisory Committee. Debra holds a Bachelor of Planning and Design (Hons) from the University of Melbourne.
Carruthers	Geoffrey	Geoffrey is an internationally accredited Chartered Professional Civil Engineer, with studies in Urban Planning and Management. He has been a sessional Member of Planning Panels Victoria since 2003, is a VCAT sessional Member (Planning & Environment), and has been appointed to a broad cross section of Ministerial Advisory Committee matters. He has experience in development, environmental and sustainability projects and government hearings, particularly relating to development impacts and appropriate strategic planning. He has consulted at the government/private sector interface in Australia, SE Asia, and USA. He is a past President of the Association of Development Executives Victoria, National Councillor of the Regional Science Association of Australia & New Zealand, a Member of the College of Civil Engineers, has APEC Engineer accreditation, and a Fellow of Engineers Australia.
Conway	Sally	Sally has a Bachelor of Commerce (economics stream) and postgraduate qualifications in urban policy and planning. She has extensive strategic and statutory planning experience within the Victorian Planning System and has worked in local government settings for more than 20 years, both in public and private practice. Sally's area of expertise is structure planning, economic and tourism development, rural land use planning, place making and coastal planning. She has significant experience with planning in areas considered to be at high risk from bushfire and with significant environmental and landscape values. Sally is a Member of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association.
Crone	Philippa	Philippa holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Design) and Bachelor of Architecture achieved collectively at University of Canberra (ACT) and Cal Poly State University (San Luis Obispo, CA, USA), and qualifications in business administration and project management. Philippa is a registered Architect in Victoria (ARBV Reg. No 18896) and New South Wales (NSW-ARB Reg. No. 8989) and brings over 20 years of industry experience in private practice projects across Australia and Internationally. She is a Director of Crone Architects Melbourne, and well adverse in complex mixed use developments and stakeholder engagement with expertise in master planning, architecture and heritage from low scale to high-rise projects. Her technical experience includes commercial, retail, hospitality, residential, education and sports leisure projects. Philippa's previous appointment as client-side PM (Niderlassung) and local architect for BMW Group Australia delivering various BMW and MINI Garage projects across Sydney and Melbourne from design delivery through to construction. Philippa is a GBCA Accredited Professional and member of Victoria Planning and Environmental Law Association.

Cummins	Elke	Elke has qualifications in Arts and Planning, with 14 years experience in local and state government, as well as in the private sector. Elke has significant experience in statutory and strategic planning, and was formerly part of the Rural Planning Flying Squad in the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. Elke has lived and worked in regional Victoria for the past five years and has a strong interest in regional and rural planning, having been involved in the implementation of strategic policy, including growth area and economic development plans into planning scheme amendments.
Davies	Shannon	Shannon is a skilled planner with a wide range of experience in strategic and statutory planning in coastal, peri-urban, regional and rural contexts. She has practical experience working in strategic policy development, writing planning schemes and gaining development approvals. Shannon has a Bachelor of Science (Geology and Environment) from Monash University, a Master's Degree of Science (Planning and Environment) from RMIT.
Duff	Noelene	Noelene Duff was the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Whitehorse until August 2019. She is a Fellow of Australian Institute of Company Directors, Institute of Public Affairs Australia, Local Government Managers Australia and Local Government Professionals (Vic). Noelene has a Master of Business, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Social Work. Her experience in local communities goes began as a social worker in inner city Melbourne in the early 1980's, followed by various management, planning and policy roles in the non Government sector and the Victorian State Government in both the Premiers Department and the Department of Health. She worked at City of St Kilda managing their social service programs, City of Yarra, Monash Council. She is currently the lead Administrator for the City of Casey.
Edwards	Peter	Peter Edwards is an experienced engineer providing local and strategic traffic and civil engineering expertise to and for several local, and state agencies as well as private industry. He has extensive experience in feasibility and traffic impact assessments for various developments, traffic and transport planning issues and parking strategies and investigations, Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliance. Peter has previously worked in private practice at HDS Australia and John Piper Traffic, VicRoads, and a number of local councils. He has been involved in a range PPV matters since being appointed as a Sessional Member in 2015 including the Fishermans Bend Advisory Committee, Metropolitan Landfill Expansion (Ravenhall) and Westfield Doncaster Development Plan. Peter has a Bachelor of Engineering, Graduate Diploma in Municipal Engineering and Business Administration, and is a Member of the Institute of Engineers Australia.
Finn	Rebecca	Rebecca Finn is an Urban Designer and Landscape Architect with over 20 years of experience both locally and internationally. Ms Finn is currently a Director of UrbanFold and before that a Principal of Tract. She has qualifications in Masters of Urban Design, University of California Berkeley and a Bachelors of Landscape and Architecture, Queensland University of Technology.
Gibbs	Meredith	Meredith is a skilled legal practitioner, specialising in planning & environment, water and climate change law. With over 25 years' experience, Meredith brings her strong analytical and conceptual skills together with demonstrated ability to provide advice in high-pressure, complex environments to Planning Panels Victoria. Meredith is recognised in Australia's <i>Best Lawyers</i> for her expertise in Planning & Environment Law, Climate Change Law (10-year award 2020; Lawyer of the Year 2011), Natural Resources Law, Government Practice and Energy Law. Her commercial law experience includes Partner in the planning & environment team at HWL Ebsworth, Special Counsel at global firms Baker McKenzie and Ashurst, and Senior Solicitor with Hesketh Henry lawyers. Meredith has also held positions as a Senior Lecturer in Planning Law at Massey University, Environmental Law Lecturer at the Universities of Auckland and Melbourne, and consultant to a Maori tribal authority.

Halaliku	Jonathan	Jonathan has undergraduate qualifications in Economics & International Trade. He holds post graduate qualifications and a Masters Degree in Environment & Planning. He has extensive experience in planning consultancy advising and acting on behalf of the State and Local Government interests, the private sector and community stakeholders. Jonathan has a comprehensive understanding of statutory and strategic planning and their coalescence of built form and design. In his past roles he regularly appeared at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to provide advocacy and more recently, expert urban planning evidence. Jonathan is Board Member and Director of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association. He is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Jonathan was appointed to Planning Panels in 2020.
Hamm	Ian	A Yorta Yorta man, Ian has extensive government and community sector experience, particularly at executive and governance levels. Ian has overseen major policy and strategic reforms for government and community organisations. He works with people from a vast array of backgrounds, managing complex and sensitive relationships to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes. Ian was CEO of a major Aboriginal community organisation from January to August 2018. He is now devoting himself to improving the representation of Aboriginal people on boards and other high level governance, through strategic action, advocacy and mentoring.
Hui	Elizabeth	Elizabeth graduated from Monash University with a Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) with Honours in 1988. She worked in the automotive industry in the field of noise vibration and harshness (NVH) as well as training and development before joining MDA Melbourne in 1991. Elizabeth has extensive experience in sound insulation, building services noise control, and planning and environmental noise and has extensive experience in providing expert evidence at Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT). Elizabeth retired from full-time work with MDA in 2013 but now works as a specialist consultant, mentor and trainer with the MDA environmental team and is involved in select projects. Elizabeth has been a sessional member of Planning Panels Victoria since 2016 and was part of the Advisory Committee for the Melbourne Metro Project.
Hutson	Andrew	Andrew became a registered architect in 1981 and after years of practice with architectural firms of various scales commenced his own practice in 1985 working on a range of project types and scales including single and multi-unit housing. In 1991, he lectured at the Faculty of Architecture Building and Planning at the University of Melbourne. Andrew was Chair of the ARBV for 12 years and President of the AACA for 6 years and led a number of committees that amended the Competency Standards for Architects and the Accreditation procedures for Australian and New Zealand schools of architecture. Andrew has provided Expert Witness at VCAT, focusing on architecture, good design and urban design. He has a comprehensive understanding of the Planning and Environment Act and a broad understanding of the interpretation of planning policies beyond the specific expertise.

McIntosh	Colin	<p>Colin McIntosh is a scientist with forty years of experience monitoring, assessing and regulating environmental impacts. Colin was a Principal Environmental Scientist with the consultancy company GHD Ltd for five years until he retired in 2017. This followed a career of some 30 years in the Environment Protection Authority of Victoria where he held a number of roles from managerial to technical specialist. Prior to joining EPA in 1981, Colin was an atmospheric physicist with the Antarctic Division where he conducted atmospheric monitoring in the Antarctic. After joining EPA in 1981, Colin worked for several years in the Noise and Air Division where he conducted noise and air impact assessments. He prepared the first EPA noise control guidelines which are still in use.</p> <p>His focus over the last thirty years has been waste management and the management and remediation of contaminated sites. Colin has been a member of steering groups developing Environment Effects Statement including one for a hazardous waste landfill and compost facility. He was the principal author of the 2001 EPA Publication Landfill Best Practice Guidelines and was the chief technical reviewer of the 2010 revised Landfill Guideline.</p>
McIntosh	Elizabeth	<p>Elizabeth has master-level qualifications and in social and physical sciences (environment, planning, chemistry). Elizabeth's 14-year career comprises broad ranging strategic planning work, supported by statutory planning experience. Most recently Elizabeth gained extensive growth area planning experience with the state government, working across metropolitan and regional growth areas. Through this she gained a solid understanding of technical land use planning. Prior to this, Elizabeth's work focussed on urban design and heritage proposals and assessments and mostly in private practice. This experience embedded core skills in design and placemaking. Elizabeth is a member of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association.</p>
Partenio	Kate	<p>Kate Partenio holds an undergraduate qualification in civil engineering and a post graduate qualification in traffic engineering and transport planning. She is a sessional member of both Planning Panels Victoria and the Victoria Civil and Administrative Tribunal. In former roles, she worked as a traffic engineer and transport planner in private practice for 19 years, and in local government for 4 years. She was a director of GTA Consultants from 1999-2014. Kate has transport expertise in land use planning, strategic planning, master planning, traffic impact assessments, car parking, design and road safety. In her PPV role she has been appointed to a number of matters and advisory committees including Melbourne Metro Rail EES Inquiry and Advisory Committee, West Gate Tunnel Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee, Yan Yean Road EES, Kaufland Stores in Vic Advisory Committee, Bangholme Market Advisory Committee, Moreland C164 Panel, Kingston C180, and Great Ocean Road Region SAC.</p>
Paul	Annabel	<p>Annabel has over 20 years experience as a strategic and statutory planner primarily in the private sector. She has a Bachelor of Planning & Design (Hons) from Melbourne University, and has held senior and associate roles in planning consultancies in Victoria and Tasmania and also worked in NSW. She now runs her own planning consultancy, AP Planning. Annabel has extensive statutory planning experience in a range of areas including residential, commercial and retail sectors throughout Victoria and across a range of municipalities. She has also worked in areas of precinct structure planning, compensation, and Planning Scheme Amendments. Annabel was appointed as a sessional Panel Member in December 2015.</p>

Peterson	Lucinda	Lucinda Peterson is an urban and regional Planner with 25 years' experience, in the local government sector in metropolitan, regional and rural Councils, holding executive management positions in planning and environment portfolios, and private consulting. She served two terms on the Heritage Council of Victoria, retiring in June 2020 and chaired the Heritage Council's Local Government Heritage Advisory Committee and has extensive experience in heritage planning. She has been a Sessional Member with Planning Panels Victoria since 2013 and has chaired or been a member of many strategic planning and heritage matters across Victoria. Lucinda is a Member of the Planning Institute of Australia and International Association of Public Participation. She holds a Bachelor of Planning and Design and post Graduate Diploma of Urban Planning and is currently completing a Masters of International and Environmental Management. Lucinda volunteered for 12 months as an Urban Planner assisting Dhulikhel Municipality in Nepal under the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Australian Volunteer Program.
Shiel	Simon	Simon Shiel has over 20 years of experience as an architect and academic. He currently provides design review and peer review advice to the Department of Premier (OVGA) and Cabinet and Vicinity Centre. He has a long-standing involvement in architectural education at RMIT University and University of Melbourne. Mr Shiel has qualifications in Bachelor of Architecture (Hons), RMIT University.
Terrill	Adam	Adam Terrill has over 20 years' experience as a town planner. He holds a Masters of Environmental Science and Bachelor of Urban Planning and Development (Hons). Adam has worked in a statutory and strategic planning capacity on a number of regional tourism projects, including permit applications, VCAT advocacy, planning scheme amendments, and strategic planning studies across the private and public sector. Adam is the current Vice President of Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association and a member of the Planning Institute of Australia and Urban Development Institute of Australia.
Tulloch	Jessica	Jessica Tulloch has nearly 20 years of experience in planning in the public sector. She is currently Statutory Planning Coordinator, Homes Victoria and previously Team Leader, City of Port Phillip. Ms Tulloch has qualifications in Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Hons), University of South Australia.
Ward	Nicola	Nicola Ward has over twenty years experience in state and local government. She brings strong skills in policy, strategy and implementation in land use planning, development, environmental management and sustainability, and community and civil infrastructure. Most recently, as Manager City Planning, she was responsible for the strategic development and planning of the City of Casey, including managing 50 staff and a \$5 million operational budget, oversight of developer contributions and forward planning of Council infrastructure. She has a particular interest in place-planning, housing, smart cities and innovative models of infrastructure planning and delivery.
Wheelahan	Michael	Michael Wheelahan is a consultant with extensive experience in developing policy, strategy and effective governance. He works with a wide range of public and private sector clients. Michael has held senior roles in the Victorian State government in water and climate change, including most recently as Director, Climate Change Policy and Director, Water Sector Governance in the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). Michael has a Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Laws and an Executive Master of Public Administration from the Australian and New Zealand School of Government and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors