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Dear Party

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

The Committee held a Directions Hearing for the above matter on 13 February 2026 at Planning Panels Victoria and online. Please find attached:

- Committee Directions
- Distribution List (version 2)
- Hearing Timetable.

The following dates apply:

Time	Date	Documents to be circulated and other matters	Direction
12noon	Monday, 23 February 2026	Planning Authority final costings	8.a)
12 noon	Friday, 27 February 2026	Planning Authority document sharing platform	1
12 noon	Friday, 27 February 2026	Planning Authority submitter location map	8.b)
12 noon	Friday, 27 February 2026	Planning Authority site inspection map and itinerary	8.c)
12 noon	Friday, 6 March 2026	Planning Authority Part A (background and context) submission and Day 1 documents	9, 10
12 noon	Friday, 13 March 2026	All expert statements	11
12 noon	Friday, 20 March 2026	Joint expert reports	17.g)
12 noon	Friday, 20 March 2026	Documents or material to be presented on Day 1 of the Hearing	20
10:00am	Monday, 23 March 2026	Hearing commences	

Hearing venue and timetable

The hearing will be conducted in person with capacity for parties to present and participate online. For the first two weeks the hearing will be at SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne. It will then be held at Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 1, Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne for the remainder of the hearing.

Privacy Statement

Any personal information about you or a third party in your correspondence will be protected under the provisions of the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014. It will only be used or disclosed to appropriate Ministerial, Statutory Authority, or departmental staff in regard to the purpose for which it was provided, unless required or authorised by law. Enquiries about access to information about you held by the Department should be directed to the Privacy Coordinator, Department of Transport and Planning, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne, Victoria 3001



The Committee considered the possibility of conducting part of the Hearing in Ballarat. Due to the limited number of community submitters and the fact that most submitters are represented by Melbourne-based advocates, the Committee has decided that the entirety of the Hearing will be conducted in the Melbourne CBD.

For experts who have been timetabled to present on themed evidence days, the Committee will rely on the parties to coordinate the order of experts noting the Planning Authority's expert should present first.

Unresolved submissions

The Planning Authority has indicated it will continue to work with submitters to resolve matters where possible, before the Hearing commences. The Planning Authority is encouraged to focus its discussions with current parties to assist in reducing or narrowing the issues and costs of calling evidence. The Committee's directions provide for Planning Authority updates on the progress of such discussions including identifying key changes in its Day 1 documents.

Declarations

Ms Davies declared she had previously worked with Mr Paul Shipp (Urban Enterprise) and Ms Nina Barich (Incitus) on separate projects, both of whom are listed to give evidence in this matter. She said she did not expect any further contact with either person and undertook not to communicate with them during this matter.

No concerns were raised.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Raso
Committee Chair

Circulating documents

1. The Planning Authority must host and manage online document sharing. The document sharing platform must allow a party to upload documents directly and be set up by **12 noon on Friday 27 February 2026**.
2. The Planning Authority must email all parties on the distribution list to provide advice on how to access and use the online document sharing platform by **12 noon on Friday 27 February 2026**.
3. Parties wishing to request access to the document sharing platform for additional people not on the distribution list (such as expert witnesses and consultants) should email the VPA directly with their request no later than **12 noon on Tuesday 24 February 2026**.
4. Parties must circulate documents to the Committee and parties by:
 - a) Uploading them to the document sharing platform.
 - b) Emailing the Committee and all other parties on the distribution list to inform them of the document(s) that have been uploaded.
5. Documents must be available to access and download from the document sharing platform until the date the report is submitted by the Committee. Each party is responsible to retain any documents before that date.
6. Documents must meet the following requirements:
 - a) Files must not exceed 20MB in size.
 - b) File names must be as short as possible and begin with the name of the party as it appears on the distribution list:

[Party name] - [Document Title].
 - c) If tabling more than 10 documents at once, all documents must be uploaded to the document sharing platform and accompanied by an index list.
 - d) A Microsoft Word version or unlocked pdf version of the document must be emailed directly to office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au after being circulated.
7. All information presented to the Committee for the purposes of the Committee process is a public document solely for that purpose unless the Committee directs otherwise. It cannot be used for any other purpose.

Notes

Any request to access a document after that date will be subject to the Freedom of Information process.

For more information on how your submission will be used, refer to the [PPV Website](#).

If your document is larger than 20MB, break it down into parts that are less than 20MB each.

If you do not circulate documents by the specified time, the Committee may not accept the evidence or material.

If you think you will not meet the specified deadline you must provide reasons in writing to office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au before the deadline.

The Committee will not publish or accept material that contains offensive or defamatory material, or personal information about other people (such as emails and phone numbers or photographs of people, particularly children).

Paper documents will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.

If you have with difficulties providing documents electronically you should contact Planning Panels Victoria.

Before the Hearing

Information to be provided by the Planning Authority

8. The Planning Authority must provide the following information before the Hearing:
 - a) final costings for the Project by **12 noon on Monday, 23 February 2026**
 - b) a map showing the location of submitters (including any late accepted submitters) to the Committee by **12 noon on Friday, 27 February 2026**. The Plan must:
 - (i) identify submitters by submitter number, and not by name
 - (ii) be provided only to the Committee only.
 - c) a site inspection map and itinerary for the Committee to conduct its unaccompanied site inspection by **12 noon on Friday, 27 February 2026**. The map and itinerary must:
 - (i) identify precinct submitters by submitter number
 - (ii) identify key precinct features relevant to submission issue focus
 - (iii) include any sites identified by parties
 - (iv) be provided only to the Committee.

Note

If you need additional information from another party and they have not agreed to provide it to you, you should make a request in writing to the Committee requesting it to direct the provision of the information. The information must be related to the proposal and be of assistance to the Committee. Requests should be short and clearly state why you need the information.

Planning Authority Part A (background and context) submission

9. The Planning Authority must circulate a Part A (Background and context) submission by **12 noon on Friday, 6 March 2026** that includes:
 - a) a summary of the physical context of the subject land and surrounds
 - b) a summary of the strategic context, including:
 - (i) relevant planning policies and provisions
 - (ii) any other recently approved or upcoming amendments that might impact on the Amendment
 - (iii) any permit applications or recently granted permits that might impact on the Amendment
 - c) a summary of the main unresolved issues of the referred submissions
 - d) an update of any resolved submissions
 - e) a summary of its Day 1 Changes
 - f) any other strategic material that the VPA intends to rely upon in support of the Amendment that has not yet been provided, or that might assist the Committee in its consideration of the Amendment.

VPA Day 1 documents

10. The VPA must circulate a Day 1 version of the Amendment documents and PSP by **12 noon on Friday, 6 March 2026** which:
 - a) shows any suggested changes in response to submissions or through a detailed document review
 - b) is marked up against the exhibited version
 - c) is labelled 'Planning Authority Day 1 version – Clause/Document X'
 - d) is in an editable format such as MS Word
 - e) is supported by a summary table of changes by clause, document section or planning scheme map.

Expert details and statements

11. Expert witness statements must be circulated by **12 noon on Friday, 13 March 2026**
12. An expert statement must:
 - a) comply with the PPV Practice Note 1 - Expert Evidence ([Expert witnesses \(planningpanels.vic.gov.au\)](https://planningpanels.vic.gov.au))
 - b) not refer to any individual submitter by name – if necessary, individual submitters should be referred to by submission number. Community groups, organisations, corporations and government agencies can be referred to by name.
13. An expert who has not participated in an expert conference can provide a response to other like evidence by 12 noon the business day before the Hearing commences.

Expert conferences and joint expert reports

14. Experts in the following areas must meet to prepare a joint expert report:
 - a) Drainage and stormwater to be chaired by Nina Barich
 - b) Traffic to be chaired by Ben Mentha (or a representative from SMEC Transport)
 - c) Development contributions and costings be chaired by Chris De Silva.The nominated expert should act as a chair for the meeting and coordinate arrangements and note taking.
15. The conference(s) can only be attended by:
 - a) the experts being called to give evidence
 - b) a non-participating note taker if necessary.Advocates or parties instructing the experts (including DTP representatives) must not attend the conference(s).
16. If any expert is instructed not to reach agreement in respect of points of difference, the expert must report those instructions in writing to the Committee and all parties.
17. The joint experts report(s):
 - a) must list the relevant participants in attendance
 - b) must note if any participant is not present for any significant discussion point
 - c) must record the facts and opinions agreed and not agreed in respect of each issue and the reasons for any disagreement
 - d) should be fewer than five pages with numbered paragraphs
 - e) should not restate the evidence – expert statements should be cross-referenced if required
 - f) must be signed by all participants
 - g) must be circulated by **12 noon on Friday, 20 March 2026**.

At the Hearing

18. The Planning Authority must provide administrative support to manage the Hearing.

Note

This may include finding a suitable venue for an in person Hearing, or if the Hearing is online or hybrid, configuring a video conference meeting, publishing links to the Hearing online, issuing direct invitations to participants (including the Committee, parties and experts) and providing technical support. It may also include managing the document sharing platform and making audio recordings of sessions if directed by the Committee.

Planning Authority opening submission

19. The Planning Authority must present an opening submission on Day 1 of the Hearing that provides:
- a) An overview of the Day 1 changes
 - b) The status of any unresolved issues referred to the Committee
 - c) Its broad position in relation to the referred Table 1 issues.

Presenting material

20. Submissions, presentations and other material presented to the Committee:
- a) must be presented electronically
 - b) must be circulated by 12 noon on the business day before the material is to be presented
 - c) must relate to the matters before the Committee
 - d) must include a summary of fewer than 5 pages if the material is more than 40 pages.

Planning Authority Part B (main) submission

21. The Planning Authority must address the following issues in its Part B (main) submission or through evidence:
- a) its position on Table 1 issues
 - b) its response to the issues raised in submissions and evidence
 - c) any further changes the Planning Authority proposes to make to the Amendment in response to expert evidence or submissions.

Other party submissions

22. Written submissions must be structured in a manner that:
- a) sets out the position in relation to the relevant Table 1 issues
 - b) clearly sets out document changes sought.
23. Oral submission presentations are to focus on the referral Table 1 issues.

Evidence and cross examination

24. Unless agreed by the Chair, evidence-in-chief should be no longer than 30 minutes.
25. An expert may present a summary of their evidence at the Hearing, but it must:
- a) not include new evidence
 - b) be circulated by 12 noon the business day before that expert is scheduled to appear.
26. If giving evidence online, an expert must:
- a) be alone in the room from which they give evidence and not make or receive any communication with another person while giving evidence except with permission from the Committee
 - b) inform the Committee immediately should another person enter the room from which they are giving evidence
 - c) not discuss their evidence with any other person during breaks in evidence when under cross examination
 - d) not have before them any document, other than their expert statement and relevant joint experts report and supporting documents.
27. A party, advocate and the Committee may question an expert on matters within the referred Table 1 issues. Unless agreed by the Chair, cross-examination should be no longer than 30 minutes
28. If cross examining an expert, a party must:
- a) be present for the whole of the expert giving their evidence

- b) ask clear and relevant questions, directed to matters of fact or professional opinion, that genuinely assist the Committee in understanding the issues
- c) allow the expert time to explain their answer.

Notes

The Chair will regulate cross examination. During the Hearing, the Chair may ask you how much time you will need for cross examining each expert, and will ask you to keep to your estimate. You should aim to complete your cross examination as concisely as possible.

Cross examination time may be limited.

You may be asked to move on to another topic if the line of questioning is not useful to the Committee.

Things to avoid when cross examining include:

- making a submission or providing your opinion
- giving extensive comment or context as an introduction to your question
- asking questions that are unrelated to the evidence
- arguing with the expert
- commenting on the expert or the evidence
- asking questions that have already been asked by another party.

If you do not support the evidence or basis on which it was prepared, or consider the evidence should not be given weight, detail your reasons in your submission rather than raising these issues in cross examination.

If you are not experienced in cross examination, you are encouraged to write your questions down to ensure they are succinct, structured into themes and able to be asked without long explanations of the context.

For information on how to cross examine, refer to the [PPV Website](#).

Part C (closing) submissions

29. The Planning Authority will be provided time to present a Part C (closing) submission. The Part C (closing) submissions:
- a) must not raise new matters
 - b) may respond to matters raised in other parties' submissions or evidence
 - c) identify any final proposed drafting changes to the Day 1 documents
 - d) the Planning Authority is to include its final version of the Amendment documentation. The final version must:
 - (i) be labelled 'Planning Authority Part C (closing) version – Clause/Document X'
 - (ii) be marked up against the Planning Authority Day 1 version
 - (iii) show changes proposed in response to evidence or submissions presented at the Hearing.

Drafting changes

30. The Committee proposes that parties wishing to provide drafting comments must do so five working days following receipt of the Planning Authority's Part C (closing) version of documents. This will be confirmed by the Committee on the final day of the Hearing. Drafting comments must only relate to drafting issues, not broader issues.

Privacy and use of personal information

- 31. A party must not record, keep, distribute or publish contact details of any other party obtained during the Committee process, or use those contact details for any other purpose.
- 32. A party must not record any part of a Hearing by any means without permission from the Chair.
- 33. A party who wishes proceedings to be recorded must make a request to the Chair at least five business days before the Hearing commences, outlining its reasons.

Directions:

34. If Planning Panels Victoria records a Hearing, any person provided with a copy of the recording must not publish or distribute that recording or use it for any purpose other than for the Committee process.

Note

Committee hearings are only recorded in exceptional circumstances. EES Hearings are generally recorded (audio only), but you should check with Planning Panels Victoria before the Hearing starts.

For more information on how your personal information will be used, refer to the Privacy Collection Notice attached to the Committee's letter dated 16 January 2026.

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		Drainage and stormwater evidence	Non sitting day
	Drainage and stormwater evidence			Traffic and transport evidence	
2	30 March	31 March	1 April	2 April	3 April
	Traffic and transport evidence	Traffic and transport evidence Planning evidence	Planning evidence	Development contributions and costings evidence	Non sitting day
3	13 April	14 April	15 April	16 April	17 April
	Development contributions and costings evidence		Planning Authority submissions Other party submissions	Other party submissions	Non sitting day
4	20 April	21 April	22 April	23 April	24 April
	Non sitting day	Council submissions Other party submissions	Other party submissions		
5	27 April				
	Planning Authority closing submission				
	Drafting session (TBC)				

Timetable Version 1

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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznI>

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
11:20am	Head, Transport for Victoria represented by Josef Vass		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

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 	3 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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznI>

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	

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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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznI>

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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznI>

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
Traffic and transport evidence		
1:30pm	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	2 days
4:30pm	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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznI>

Time	Party	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters	15 mins
Traffic and transport evidence		

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10:15am	Traffic and transport evidence continued	
12:30pm	Lunch break	1 hour
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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznI>

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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznI>

Time	Party	Allocated
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	

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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznI>

Time	Party	Allocated
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10:00am	Preliminary matters	15 mins
Development contributions and costings evidence		
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 	2.5 days
12:30pm	Lunch break	1 hour
1:30pm	Development contributions and costings evidence continued	
4:30pm	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 evidence continued	
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		
10:15am	Development contributions and costings evidence continued	
12:30pm	Lunch break	1 hour
1:30pm	Development contributions and costings evidence continued	
4:30pm	Day close	

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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 John Cicero of Best Hooper	62	1.5 hours
4:30pm	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
1:30pm	Council continued		

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2:30pm	Margaret Maher represented by Lauren Maher	54	1 hour
3:30pm	Break		15 mins
4:00pm	Howard Bartlett	40	30 mins
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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznI>

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10:15am	Casey Capital Pty Ltd represented by Chris Townshend KC, instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright	53	3 hours
12:30pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:30pm	Casey Capital Pty Ltd continued		
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
3:30pm	The Estate of Lesley Dawn Evans represented by Frank Frawley of Coulter Legal	44	45 mins
4:15pm	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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznI>

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10:15am	Dennis Family Corporation represented by Peter O'Farrell KC of Counsel, instructed by Rob McKendrick of Planning and Property Partners, and calling the following expert evidence: - 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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznI>

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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- Planning from Johanthan Fetterplace of A Different City (<i>who is not available during the planning themed evidence days</i>)	1 day
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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznI>

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10:15am	Planning Authority closing submission		1 hour
11:15am	Drafting session 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 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