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Dear Party

Victorian Planning Authority Projects Standing Advisory Committee Referral 18: Bendigo Regional Employment Precinct

Please find attached:

- Distribution List Version 3
- Hearing Timetable Version 1

The Timetable Version 1 reflects:

- the confirmation of additional experts
- advice from Jan Boynton, Alex Malone and Bryan Palmer that they no longer wish to present at the Hearing
- advice from Council (as landowner) that it wishes to make its submission after the evidence and submission of DTP
- advice from DTP in consultation with parties calling experts and advocate availability
- a later start on Tuesday 19 May 2026 (Day 1)
- the advice from DTP that all parties are agreeable to the Hearing being conducted entirely in Melbourne (with capacity for on-line submissions).

In response to its earlier directions, the Committee confirms the following amended dates:

- **12 noon on Monday, 11 May 2026** for circulation of evidence (other than planning)
- **12 noon on Wednesday, 13 May 2026** for circulation of planning evidence
- opening submissions to be circulated by **12 noon on Monday, 18 May 2026**
- **12 noon on Monday, 18 May 2026** for the circulation of expert meeting reports (other than planning)
- **12 noon on Wednesday, 20 May 2026** for the circulation of planning expert meeting reports (if conducted) – parties calling planning witnesses to confirm if a planning expert meeting is to be conducted by **4.00pm on Thursday, 14 May 2026**
- substantive submissions are to be submitted by 4:00pm the previous business day they are scheduled for presentation unless otherwise agreed by the Committee.

The Committee notes the advice of DTP that there will be no meeting of economic experts.

While the Committee acknowledges the timeframes for the scheduling of experts is tight, it is satisfied based on the conduct of expert meetings and efficient cross-examination that sufficient time is provided. The Committee will review scheduling as the themed evidence sessions progress to establish if any timetabling adjustments are required including the use of reserve times.

The drafting session on the final day will simply confirm on the papers drafting response arrangements. The Committee expects that DTP's closing submission will include time to clearly explain any Final Day changes and respond to questions of clarification.

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If you have questions, please contact Chris Brennan, Senior Project Officer of Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 9935 4142 or office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TH', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Tim Helsten
Committee Chair

Timetable

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Version 1 Timetable

Day 1: Tuesday 19 May 2026

Venue: Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 1 (Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne)

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Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
12:00pm	Preliminary matters		15 mins
12:15pm	Opening submission – Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) , represented by Greg Tobin and Aaron Shrimpton of Harwood Andrews		1 hour
1:15pm	Break		25 mins
1:40pm	Opening submission – City of Greater Bendigo as Responsible Authority , represented by Briana Eastaugh of Maddocks	21	40 mins
2:20pm	Coliban Water , represented by Tessa Laing (on-line)	14	10 mins
2:30pm	UDIA (Bendigo Chapter) , represented by Andrea Tomkinson (on-line)	25	30 mins
3:00pm	Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation , represented by Harley Douglas (on-line)	20	30 mins
3:30pm	Day close		

Day 2: Wednesday 20 May 2026

Venue: Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 1 (Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne)

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Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
9:45am	Evidence on drainage from the following experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nina Barich of Incitus for DTP- Glen Ottrey of Engeny for City of Greater Bendigo as Responsible Authority- Jonathon McLean of Alluvium for YourLand		1 day
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:30pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

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Day 3: Thursday 21 May 2026

Venue: Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 1 (Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne)

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Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9.30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
9.45am	Evidence on traffic from the following experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tim de Young of Eukai for DTP- Aaron Walley of Ratio for City of Greater Bendigo as Responsible Authority- Henry Turnbull of Traffix Group for YourLand- John-Paul Maina of Impact Traffic and Transport Engineering for City of Greater Bendigo as landowner		1 day
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:30pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 4: Friday 22 May 2026

Venue: Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 2 (Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne)

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Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9.30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
9.45am	Traffic evidence continued if required, otherwise commence with evidence on planning from the following experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- John Glossop of Glossop Town Planning for DTP- Andrew Roberston of Tract for City of Greater Bendigo as landowner		1 day
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:30pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Version 1 Timetable:
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Day 5: Monday 25 May 2026

Reserve

Day 6: Tuesday 26 May 2026

Venue: Spring Place, 2 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

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Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Reserve		
1.00pm	Preliminary matters		15 mins
1.15pm	Planning and economic evidence for City of Greater Bendigo as Responsible Authority from: - Patrick Fensham of SGS Economics & Planning - Jason Black of Insight Planning		3 hours
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 7: Wednesday 27 May 2026

Venue: Spring Place, 2 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

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Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10.00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	DTP represented by Greg Tobin and Aaron Shrimpton of Harwood Andrews		2 hours, 45 mins
11:15am	Break		15 mins
11.30am	DTP cont.		
1.15pm	Lunch break		45 mins
2.00pm	City of Greater Bendigo as Responsible Authority represented by Briana Eastaugh of Maddocks	21	2 hours, 30 mins
3.15pm	Break		15 mins
3.30pm	City of Greater Bendigo as Responsible Authority cont.		
4.45pm	Day close		

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Day 8: Thursday 28 May 2026

Venue: Spring Place, 2 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

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Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10:15am	City of Greater Bendigo as Responsible Authority cont. if required		45 mins
11:00am	Break		15 mins
11:15am	YourLand represented by Meg Lee of Hall & Wilcox (<i>Note: This submission may start earlier if the additional time for City of Greater Bendigo as Responsible Authority is not required</i>)	22	2 hours
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:45pm	YourLand cont.		
2:15pm	City of Greater Bendigo as landowner represented by Rupert Watters of counsel (<i>Note: This submission may start earlier if the additional time for City of Greater Bendigo as Responsible Authority is not required</i>)	15	2 hours and 15 mins (including break)
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 9: Friday 29 May 2026

Venue: Planning Panels Victoria, Hearing Room 2 (Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne)

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Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Reserve		
1:30pm	Preliminary matters		15 mins
1:45pm	City of Greater Bendigo as Responsible Authority , closing submission	21	45 mins
2:30pm	Break		15 mins
2:45pm	DTP , closing submission		1 hour, 30 mins
4:15pm	Confirmation of on-the-papers drafting process		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		