



# Planning Panels Victoria

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Dear Submitter

## **Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee Referral 50** **191 George Street, Wantirna South**

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We are writing to you because you made a submission to Knox Planning Scheme Amendment C194knox affecting 171 hectares of land at 191 George Street, Wantirna South (subject land). The Proponent is Mirvac.

The Minister for Planning (the Minister) has referred all submissions to the Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee (Committee) for advice on specific issues identified in the letter of referral dated 22 August 2025 (referral letter). The referral letter is attached.

This letter:

- tells you about the Public Hearing process
- tells you what you need to do if you want to participate in the Public Hearing
- explains how we will use information we collect
- sets out draft directions for the Hearing.

### **The Committee**

The Minister appointed the Committee under section 151 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the PE Act). The Minister provided the Committee with updated Terms of Reference dated 9 September 2023.

Committee members Con Tsotsoros (Chair) and Peter Bettess will consider this matter, which will be known as Referral 50.

### **The Amendment**

The Amendment proposes to:

- rezone part of the subject land from Special Use Zone Schedule 2 (SUZ2) to General Residential Zone Schedule 1 (GRZ1) and Mixed Use Zone Schedule 2 (MUZ2) and Schedule 3 (MUZ3)
- apply a new Development Plan Overlay Schedule 16 (DPO16) to the part of the land to be zoned General Residential Zone and Mixed Use Zone
- remove the Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 2 (ESO2) from the part of the land to be rezoned
- apply ESO2 to the part of the Dandenong Valley Parkland extension not already subject to ESO2
- remove the Public Acquisition Overlay Schedule 2 (PAO2) from the part of the land to be rezoned
- remove the Vegetation Protection Overlay Schedule 1 from part of the land
- apply the Environmental Audit Overlay to defined areas of the land
- apply a new Buffer Area Overlay Schedule 1 to part of the land

#### **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, PO Box 500, East Melbourne, Victoria 8002



- revise the Clause 72.01 Schedule to make the Minister for Planning the responsible authority for the approval or amendment of the Stage 1 Development Plan under the DPO16 and for the section 173 agreement relating to the delivery of the Dandenong Valley Parklands extension.

## The Hearing process

The public Committee process includes a Directions Hearing and a main Hearing.

The Committee will:

- consider submitters in an independent forum
- be informal and not like a court
- give fair, unbiased advice to Council and the Minister about the Amendment.

Submissions and other information presented throughout the process, including the Hearing, will be treated as public documents. Please carefully read the attached *Privacy Collection Notice*.

### Directions Hearing

At the Directions Hearing, the Committee will:

- give directions about exchanging information before the Hearing and the conduct of the Hearing
- consider Hearing times and venue and site inspections
- answer questions people have about the Committee process including the Hearing.

The Directions Hearing will be held in person:

**10:00am, Friday, 19 September 2025**

**Hearing Room 2, Planning Panels Victoria**

**Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne**

Alternatively, you can join online by video using MS Teams:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 429 587 557 543 0

Passcode: hN6kJ3qH

Parties who complete the online request to be heard form will receive an electronic version of the letter with a live link to the Directions Hearing. The link will also be available at [www.planningpanels.vic.gov.au](http://www.planningpanels.vic.gov.au) (select Priority Projects referral 50: 191 George Street, Wantirna South in the upcoming hearings list).

You should attend the Directions Hearing if you:

- are new to the Committee process and/or wish to participate in the Hearing
- have questions about the Committee process or wish to raise procedural issues.

The Committee proposes to issue directions after considering all requests to be heard and any additional matters raised at the Directions Hearing or in writing before the Directions Hearing.

### Hearing

The purpose of the main Hearing is:

- for people to speak to their written submission if they have raised an issue referred to the Committee by the Minister for Planning
- to hear from the Planning Authority and the Proponent.

The Hearing will start in the week of Monday 13 October 2025 and may run for up to five days. The Hearing is open for anyone to attend.

The Committee will only consider issues identified in the referral letter that appear in the referred written submissions when preparing its report, including those from submitters who do not attend the Hearing.

### Key dates

The Key Information attached to this letter includes a list of key dates for filing information in the leadup to the Hearing. If you wish to comment on the key dates or any other matters but are unable to attend the Directions Hearing, you can provide comments in writing to [planning.panels@transport.vic.gov.au](mailto:planning.panels@transport.vic.gov.au) by Wednesday, 17 September 2025.

### If you wish to be involved in the Hearing

Please complete the online request to be heard form by 12 noon on Wednesday 17 September 2025 if:

- you wish to be involved in the Hearing
- you do not wish to speak but would like a copy of the timetable and directions.

The webpage to complete the online request to be heard form is:

<https://www.planningpanels.vic.gov.au/request-to-be-heard>

Notes on completing the online request to be heard form are attached.

### Foley's List Legal Assistance Service

The Legal Assistance Service, offered by Foley's List barristers, offers low-cost or no-cost legal support to eligible submitters in Planning Panel Victoria hearings. Available to individuals and community groups, the service offers legal advice and representation to help participants navigate PPV processes (subject to barrister availability). Assistance ranges from preliminary advice to full representation, with fees reduced or waived. To participate, submitters must meet eligibility criteria. More information about the service is available on the PPV [website](#), including information on who to contact at Foley's List to apply for the service.

### Further Information

The attached *Privacy Collection Notice* explains how your submission will be used by the Committee.

Further information including the *What is a Panel?* guide, *Guide to the Public Hearing* and *Frequently Asked Questions* are available at:

[www.planningpanels.vic.gov.au/guides-and-resources](http://www.planningpanels.vic.gov.au/guides-and-resources)

If you need a paper copy of these documents or if you have any other questions, please contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Planning Panels Victoria [REDACTED]

[planning.panels@transport.vic.gov.au](mailto:planning.panels@transport.vic.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



Con Tsotsoros  
Committee Chair

# Completing the Request to be Heard Form

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When completing the online request to be heard form, please note the following details.

## How do I access the online request to be heard form?

Enter the URL into your internet browser <https://www.planningpanels.vic.gov.au/request-to-be-heard>

## When will the Hearing be held?

The expected hearing dates are between 13/10/2025 and 24/10/2025.

## What if I have availability issues during the expected hearing dates?

You can tell us when you are not available.

The Committee will accommodate your availability where possible.

## Time required to present your submission

You will be allocated 10 minutes for your submission if this field is left blank.

## Expert witness details

An expert witness gives evidence in a field of expertise and must prepare a report.

If you propose to call expert witnesses, you must:

- provide details of all expert witnesses on the request to be heard form – this includes their name, organisation, and field of expertise
- file expert witness reports at the time directed by the Committee before the Hearing.

Please note that it is critical the Committee receives this information about expert witnesses on time as it assists in planning the draft timetable for the Hearing before the Directions Hearing.

Participants in the Hearing can generally cross-examine expert witnesses.

## What happens after I complete the form?

If you complete this form, a letter with directions and a timetable for the Hearing will be emailed to you after the Directions Hearing. Your name and email address will be added to the Distribution List for filing information, including reports and submissions for the Hearing unless you tell us otherwise.

## What if I do not have an email address?

Please contact Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 5381 9457 as soon as possible if you need a form mailed to you. A paper copy of documents such as the timetable will be mailed to submitters who provide a postal address.

## How will my contact information be used?

We will use your contact address to contact you. We will provide your email or postal address to participants in the Hearing so that they can share reports and submissions unless you tell us otherwise.

## Access requirements

Please contact PPV with any access requirements. Some Hearings are at PPV, some are at other locations (for example, local Council offices) and some are held online. PPV Hearing Rooms are equipped with a hearing loop, and a laptop and projector if required. If the Hearing is held at another location, we may need to ensure access requirements can be met.

# Key information

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## Referred issues

The Minister has sought advice on the following issues arising from submissions:

- Access and traffic movement on Nortons Lane and the adjoining road network.
- Flora and fauna impacts, including the adequacy of proposed remediation measures.
- Impact on existing recreational uses and facilities, including St Paul's Retreat.
- Environmental risks and risks to infrastructure, including potential contamination, landfill gas migration, off-site odour, geotechnical, fire and flooding risks (excluding acoustic impacts from East Link).
- Suitability of the affordable housing contribution.

## Preliminary directions

Based on the Hearing starting on 13 October 2025, the following dates are proposed:

Direction	Direction deadline	
<b>Statement of issues</b> All submitters who seek to be heard at the Hearing are to file a statement outlining the key issues you intend to rely upon at the Hearing. The issues must be identified in the referral letter.  The statement must be no more than two pages long and will be discussed at the Directions Hearing. Statements must be emailed to <a href="mailto:planning.panels@transport.vic.gov.au">planning.panels@transport.vic.gov.au</a> or mailed to Planning Panels Victoria, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.	12 noon	Wednesday, 17 September 2025
<b>Representative and expert witness details</b>	12 noon	Wednesday, 17 September 2025
<b>Procedural matters</b> Please advise the Committee in writing if you have any procedural or timing matters that you wish to raise at the Directions Hearing	12 noon	Wednesday, 17 September 2025
<b>Proponent background submission</b>	12 noon	Monday, 6 October 2025
<b>Expert witness reports</b>	12 noon	Monday, 6 October 2025
<b>Council Version 1 of the Amendment documentation</b>	12 noon	Friday, 10 October 2025
<b>Proponent Version 1 of the Project documentation</b>	12 noon	Friday, 10 October 2025
<b>Documents or material to be presented on Day 1 of the Hearing</b>	12 noon	Friday, 10 October 2025
<b>Hearing starts</b>	10:00am	Monday, 13 October 2025



# Planning Panels Victoria Privacy Notice

Your personal information will be collected during this Committee process for the purpose of documenting your views about the Amendment, advising the Minister for Planning about the Amendment, and communicating with you throughout the Committee process.

## While the Committee process is underway

Natural justice for all participants and transparency are important parts of the Committee process. The *Planning and Environment Act 1987* requires the Committee to conduct any Hearing it holds in public, and to keep a public record of the material provided to the Committee. Planning Panels Victoria (PPV) may:

- provide a copy of your material with all contact details to the Proponent, government agencies and other parties to the Hearing
- provide a copy of your material to any other person who requests it (your personal information will be removed first)
- provide a copy of your material to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) if needed for preparing Ministerial briefings
- publicly display a copy of your material in the PPV Office or Hearing room
- direct that a copy of your material be publicly displayed in the relevant local council office or DTP regional office.

## Hearings

The Committee may conduct a Hearing, either in person or using video conferencing. Hearings by video conference have special privacy requirements. If you choose to participate in the Hearing, you should be aware:

- a link to the Hearing will be published on the internet, and third parties will be able to join the Hearing and observe
- the Committee may broadcast the Hearing live on the internet.

The Committee may make a recording of the Hearing and may provide a copy of any recording to any person who requests it. Where Hearings are recorded, generally audio only is recorded (not video).

The Committee can hear submissions or accept material on a confidential basis, provided this would be fair to the other parties to the Hearing. If you want to make your submissions or provide material to the Committee confidentially, you will need to ask permission from the Committee Chair and provide reasons why the Committee should treat your submissions or material confidentially.

## The Committee report

The Committee's report will include a list of parties to the process. It may also include direct quotes from submitters. The Minister may release the Committee's report publicly. The report, if publicly released, will be published on the internet.

## After the Committee has reported

When the Committee has reported, your material will be removed from public display.

## Requesting copies

If you would like a copy of any submissions or material collected by the Committee, or a copy of any recording the Committee makes of the Hearing, make a request to PPV by email at [planning.panels@transport.vic.gov.au](mailto:planning.panels@transport.vic.gov.au) before the Committee submits its report. If the Committee has reported, you should submit your request to the DTP Freedom of Information and Privacy Unit at [foi.unit@transport.vic.gov.au](mailto:foi.unit@transport.vic.gov.au)

If you have any concerns about how your submission will be used, please contact Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 8572 7999.