



# Planning Panels Victoria

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Dear Party

## **Suburban Rail Loop East Precincts: Cheltenham hearing dates**

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The Suburban Rail Loop East Precincts Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) will hold a Directions Hearing on:

**10am, Wednesday, 20 August 2025**

**online using MS Teams: [Join the meeting now](#)**

**Meeting ID: 441 065 081 901 7**

**Passcode: jo3GN7Be**

The SAC wishes to explore options for completing the Cheltenham Hearing before Christmas, including starting the Cheltenham Hearing 1 week earlier on 17 November 2025. The earlier start to the Cheltenham Hearing may involve an overlap with the last two days of the Clayton Hearing. Hence, parties to both the Cheltenham and Clayton hearings may wish to attend the Directions Hearing.

The SAC will discuss:

- the implications of the potential overlap with Clayton including availability of advocates, scheduling of evidence and availability of Hearing venues
- ways of bringing the Cheltenham Hearing (currently anticipated to be 23 sitting days) down to 20 to 21 sitting days

Cheltenham parties are requested to confirm the experts they intend to call at the Cheltenham Hearing and any availability constraints at or preferably before the Directions Hearing.

Attached is an indicative Hearing schedule as a starting point for discussions at the Directions Hearing.

If you have questions, please contact Georgia Brodrick, Project Officer, Planning Panels Victoria on [planning.panels@transport.vic.gov.au](mailto:planning.panels@transport.vic.gov.au) or [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

**Sarah Carlisle**

**Lead Chair, Suburban Rail Loop Precincts Standing Advisory Committee**

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# Indicative hearing schedule

Suburban Rail Loop East Precincts: Cheltenham Precinct Hearing

**Note:** The hearing schedule is **indicative only**, as evidence is yet to be confirmed. Order of evidence is for discussion, but urban design evidence cannot be called in Week 1

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	<b>November 17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
	Opening submissions, Proponent and Councils	Submissions, non-represented parties	Planning expert evidence cont		Non sitting day
	Submissions, non-represented parties	Planning expert evidence (based on 6 experts)			
2	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	Planning expert evidence cont	Economics evidence (based on 2 experts)	Community infrastructure and open space expert evidence (based on 3-4 experts)		Non sitting day
3	<b>December 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	Urban design expert evidence (based on 6 experts)				Non sitting day
4	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
	Traffic expert evidence (based on 4 experts)			Integrated water management evidence (based on 1 expert)	Non sitting day
				Siapantas submissions	
5	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
	Hall & Willcox party submissions	Proponent submissions	Bayside submissions	Kingston submissions	Closing submissions
	Scentre Group submissions				Reserve