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Dear Party

Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee Referral 52: Stanley Road and McGrady Road, Grantville

The Minister for Planning (the Minister) called in Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Proceeding P241/2025 (VCAT Proceeding) on 24 September 2025. The call-in relates to a permit application to remove native vegetation on road reserves along Stanley Road and McGrady Road, Grantville, to enable road upgrades to service the Grantville Quarry.

The Minister has referred this matter to the Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee (the Committee) for advice and recommendations on whether a planning permit should be issued, and if so, the appropriate permit conditions that should be imposed. The letter of referral dated 18 September 2025 is attached.

The Committee

The Minister appointed the Committee under section 151 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act). The Minister provided the Committee with updated Terms of Reference dated 9 September 2023 (copy attached). This is referral 52 to the Committee. The Committee members who will consider this referral will be decided once the hearing dates are confirmed.

Parties

The parties to the VCAT hearing are:

- Heidelberg Materials Australia Pty Ltd (the Proponent)
- Bass Coast Shire Council (Council)
- Gippsland Threatened Species Action Group Inc.
- Phillip Island Conservation Society Inc.
- South Gippsland Conservation Society Inc.
- Catherine Watson
- John Cuttriss
- Lea Trowbridge
- Simon John Lord.

The Committee will not undertake any further public notice and only parties to the VCAT Proceeding are able to participate.

Hearing dates

The Proponent advised Planning Panels Victoria on 30 September 2025 that VCAT had vacated the original hearing dates to give the Proponent more time to consult with its experts, determine if further vegetation surveys are needed, and consider redesigning the road. The outcomes of this work will inform whether the Proponent will be prepared for a hearing in early or late 2026. VCAT had listed the matter for an administrative mention on 12 December 2025 for the Proponent and other parties to confirm if a hearing is needed and, if so, when it should be held.

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The Committee is content to adopt a similar approach and directs the Proponent to advise Planning Panels Victoria and the VCAT parties by **12 noon on Friday, 12 December 2025** whether it considers a hearing is required, and if so when it might be ready to proceed.

Planning Panels Victoria will confirm arrangements for the hearing following receipt of this information.

If you have any questions, please contact Gabrielle Trowse, Project Officer, Planning Panels Victoria on [REDACTED] or office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Raso'.

Sarah Raso

Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee Lead Chair