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Dear Party

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

The Committee has prepared an updated timetable and distribution list. Changes to this version of the timetable include:

- the addition of Mr Leigh Furness for Ballarat Grammar Foundation to the experts giving traffic evidence on 26, 30 and 31 March
- the addition of Mr Jason Black for Dennis Family Corporation to the experts giving DCP evidence scheduled for 2, 13 and 14 April
- updates to Day 4 (26 March) to move traffic and transport evidence to the morning with a non-sitting afternoon.

Please find attached:

- Distribution List (version 4)
- Hearing Timetable (version 2)

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Raso
Committee Chair

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City of Ballarat	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Landmack Developments Pty Ltd	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Dennis Family Corporation	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Ballarat Grammar Foundation	[REDACTED]
APD Projects on behalf of Casey Capital Australia Pty Ltd	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
North Ballarat Pastoral Pty Ltd	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
The Estate of Leslye Dawn Evans	[REDACTED]
Margaret Maher	[REDACTED]
Howard Bartlett	[REDACTED]

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

Timetable Version 2

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 and 15 mins

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 	2.5 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	

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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters	15 mins
Traffic and transport evidence		
10:15pm	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 • Leigh Furness of Traffix, called by Ballarat Grammar Foundation 	2 days
1.00	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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

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

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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

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=vm95inNTjbF2yXqznl>

Time	Party	Allocated
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 • Jason Black of Insight (DCP), called by Dennis Family Corporation 	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	

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		
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>

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
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.
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