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Dear Party

Victorian Planning Authority Projects Standing Advisory Committee Referral 17: Greater Avalon Employment Precinct

The Committee held a Directions Hearing for the above matter on 18 March 2026 at Planning Panels Victoria and online. Please find attached:

- Committee Directions
- Distribution List
- Hearing Timetable.

The following dates apply:

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12 noon	Monday, 23 March 2026	Planning Authority to set up document sharing platform and notify all parties	1
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Privacy Statement

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Hearing venue and timetable

The hearing will be conducted in person with capacity for parties to present and participate online. For the first three weeks the hearing will be held at SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne. The venue for the remainder of the hearing will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

The Committee considered the possibility of conducting part of the Hearing in Geelong. Due to the limited number of community submitters and an overwhelming preference from parties at the Direction Hearing to hold the Hearing in Melbourne, the Committee has decided that the entirety of the Hearing will be conducted in Melbourne CBD.

For experts who have been timetabled to present on theme evidence days, the Committee will rely on the parties to coordinate the order of experts noting the Planning Authority's expert should present first.

Recording the hearing

The Committee received correspondence from MAB Property Development Pty Ltd on 20 March 2026 requesting that the Hearing be recorded, and that an .MP3 copy of the recording be made available to parties.

The Committee has granted this request and asks that the Planning Authority provide administrative and technical support to host the Microsoft Teams link, audio record the Hearing and upload the recording to the document share platform as soon as practicable after each day's Hearing.

Hearing start times

To support timely progress and ensure the Hearing runs efficiently, please note the Hearing will **commence at 9:30am** each morning.

Cross examination

The Committee asks that any party who intends to question an expert must provide written notice to Planning Panels Victoria (office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au) by 3pm the day before the expert is due to appear.

Declarations

The Committee made the following declarations at the Directions Hearing:

Member Conway – Committee Chair

The Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CCMA) is a submitter to VPA Referral 17. As part of my consulting business, I am currently engaged by Colac Otway Shire Council as the project manager for the Barham River Flood Study in Apollo Bay. The CCMA is a partner to the project. Upon appointment to VPA Referral 17, I informed Council I am unable to have any contact with, or send or receive any correspondence from, the CCMA for the duration of the matter and until the Committee Report has been submitted to the Minister for Planning.

Member Smith

I note that Tract Consultants are representing a submitter to this Amendment. I am currently working on a planning scheme amendment alongside Tract consultants. The project is located in the Mornington Peninsula and unrelated to this matter. The consultant I am working with at Tract is different to Mr Loader, but in any event I undertaken not to discuss this matter with them.

I do not consider that there is a conflict of interest but want to make parties aware of that working relationship.

No concerns were raised in relation to either declaration.

Use of Artificial Intelligence

In cases where submissions or evidence have been generated, wholly or in part, using Artificial Intelligence, a declaration must be made in writing to the Committee at the time of filing.

Legal Assistance Service

As advised in the Directions Hearing letter dated [insert date of L1 letter] and referred to at the Directions Hearing, Foley's List barristers has a Legal Assistance Service that provides low-cost or no-cost legal support to eligible submitters in Planning Panel Victoria hearings. Assistance ranges from preliminary advice to full representation, with fees reduced or waived. To participate, submitters must meet eligibility criteria. Assistance is subject to barrister availability. More information about the service is available on the PPV [website](#) including information about who to contact at Foley's List to apply for assistance.

If you have questions, please contact [REDACTED]
office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Conway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Sally Conway
Committee Chair

Filing documents

1. The Planning Authority must host and manage online document sharing. The document sharing platform must be established and parties provided with instructions to access it by 12 noon on Monday, 23 March 2026. The document sharing platform must allow parties to upload documents directly.
2. Documents must be filed electronically by uploading them to the document sharing platform. When uploading documents, a party must email all other parties on the distribution list to inform them of the document(s) that have been uploaded and attach the document(s) if file size allows.
3. Documents must be available to access and download from the document sharing platform until the date the report is submitted by the Committee. Each party is responsible to retain any documents before that date.
4. Documents must meet the following requirements:
 - a) Files must not exceed 20MB in size.
 - b) File names must be as short as possible and begin with the name of the party as it appears on the distribution list:
[Party name] - [Document Title].
 - c) If tabling more than 10 documents at once, all documents must be provided through a fileshare link (for example, DropBox or OneDrive) and be accompanied by an index list.
 - d) A Microsoft Word version or unlocked pdf version of the document must be emailed directly to office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au after being circulated.
5. All information presented to the Committee for the purposes of the Committee process is a public document solely for that purpose unless the Committee directs otherwise. It cannot be used for any other purpose.

Notes

Any request to access a document after that date will be subject to the Freedom of Information process.

For more information on how your submission will be used, refer to the [PPV Website](#).

If your document is larger than 20MB, break it down into parts that are less than 20MB each.

If you do not circulate documents by the specified time, the Committee may not accept the evidence or material. If you think you will not meet the specified deadline you must provide reasons in writing to office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au before the deadline.

The Committee will not publish or accept material that contains offensive or defamatory material, or personal information about other people (such as emails and phone numbers or photographs of people, particularly children).

Paper documents will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.

If you have with difficulties providing documents electronically you should contact Planning Panels Victoria.

Before the Hearing

Notice of the Hearing

6. Planning Panels Victoria will publish notice of the Hearing on its website, with information on how members of the public can observe it in person and online.

Information to be provided

7. The Planning Authority must circulate the following documents by 12 noon on Monday, 23 March 2026:
 - a) Greater Avalon Employment Precinct – Referred submissions summary (Excel document)
 - b) Landscape Character Assessment (Hansen Partnership, 2021)
 - c) Any background report which provides strategic justification for the draft Amendment (for context).
8. The Planning Authority must circulate the following information by 12 noon on Friday, 27 March 2026:
 - a) a clear explanation of the scope of advice sought for each question posed against the Key Issues in Table 1 of the Referral Letter dated 18 February 2026, with a focus on the Key Issues of 'Strategies under clause 11.03-6L06' and 'Drafting of planning scheme ordinance'

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- b) an explanation of which referred technical reports are relevant to the Key Issues in Table 1 of the Referral Letter dated 18 February 2026.

Note

If you need additional information from another party and they have not agreed to provide it to you, you should make a request in writing to the Committee requesting it to direct the provision of the information. The information must be related to the proposal and be of assistance to the Committee. Requests should be short and clearly state why you need the information.

Confirmation of experts and advocates

9. All Parties must circulate the following by 12 noon Wednesday, 1 April 2026:
- details of experts to be called including name, organisation, and the theme the expert evidence relates to (from Table 1 in the Referral Letter)
 - confirmation of advocate details, distribution list updates, any changes to availability for parties.

Site inspection

10. A Party seeking to provide the Committee with locations to view during its unaccompanied site inspections, must circulate the following by 12 noon Tuesday, 14 April 2026:
- sites or a description of precinct features
 - brief explanatory notes of the site features or context for the Committee to observe.
11. The Planning Authority must provide a site inspection map and itinerary to the Committee by 12 noon Tuesday, 21 April 2026. It must:
- identify submitters by submitter number, and not by name
 - include key precinct features relevant to the key issues referred to the Committee
 - include locations requested by parties.

Referred issues

12. The issues on which the Committee's advice and recommendations are sought are set out in the Referral Letter from the Planning Authority dated 18 July 2025. Submissions and evidence at the Hearing should be clearly directed to a nominated referred issue.

Planning Authority Part A (background and context) submission

13. The Planning Authority must file a Part A (Background and context) submission by **12 noon on Friday, 10 April 2026**, that includes:
- a summary of the physical context of the subject land and surrounds
 - background to the draft Amendment including chronology of events
 - a summary of the strategic context, including:
 - relevant planning policies and provisions
 - any other recently approved or upcoming amendments that might impact on the draft Amendment
 - a summary of any permit applications or recently granted permits that might impact on the draft Amendment
 - a summary of the issues raised in submissions, including an explanation of which (if any) of those issues have been resolved and how
 - an explanation of changes made between the Consultation and Day 1 versions of the draft Amendment.

Day 1 documents

14. The Planning Authority must file a 'Day 1' version of the Amendment and draft Incorporated Plan by 12 noon on Friday, 10 April 2026. The Day 1 version must:
- be marked up against the version on which consultation was undertaken
 - show any suggested changes in response to submissions or evidence
 - be labelled 'Proponent Day 1 version – [Document title]'
 - be in an editable format such as MS Word.

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15. The Planning Authority must circulate the Native Vegetation Precinct Plan (if it cannot be provided by 10 April) by 12 noon on Tuesday, 14 April 2026.

Expert reports

16. All expert witness statements must be filed by 12 noon on Friday, 17 April 2026
17. An expert statement must:
 - a) comply with the PPV Practice Note 1 - Expert Evidence ([Expert witnesses \(planningpanels.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.planningpanels.vic.gov.au))
 - b) not refer to any individual submitter by name – if necessary, individual submitters should be referred to by submission number. Community groups, organisations, corporations and government agencies can be referred to by name.
18. An expert who has not participated in an expert conference can provide a response to other like evidence by 12 noon the business day before the Hearing commences.

Expert conferences and joint experts reports

19. Experts in the following areas must meet to prepare a joint experts report. The nominated expert should act as a chair for the meeting and coordinate arrangements and note taking.
 - a) Planning to be chaired by the Planning Authority's expert witness
 - b) Hydrology and Drainage to be chaired by the Planning Authority's expert witness
 - c) Ecology to be chaired by the Planning Authority's expert witness.
20. The conference(s) are to focus on the following issues:
 - a) Planning – proposed planning controls in the context of the questions posed in the Referral Letter dated 18 February 2026
 - b) Hydrology and Drainage – relevant Key Issues as set out in the Referral Letter dated 18 February 2026
 - c) Ecology – relevant Key Issues as set out in the referral Letter dated 18 February 2026.
21. The conference(s) can only be attended by:
 - a) the experts being called to give evidence
 - b) a non-participating note taker if necessary.Advocates or parties instructing the experts must not attend the conference(s).
22. If any expert is instructed not to reach agreement in respect of points of difference, the expert must report those instructions in writing to the Committee and all parties.
23. The joint experts report(s):
 - a) must list the relevant participants in attendance
 - b) must note if any participant is not present for any significant discussion point
 - c) must record the facts and opinions agreed and not agreed in respect of each issue and the reasons for any disagreement
 - d) should be fewer than five pages with numbered paragraphs
 - e) should not restate the evidence – expert statements should be cross-referenced if required
 - f) must be signed by all participants
 - g) must be circulated by by 12 noon on Thursday, 23 April 2026.
24. The Planning Authority must make an opening submission on the first day of the Hearing. This should address changes made to the Amendment documents since exhibition, the status of any unresolved issues referred to the Committee and its broad position in relation to the referral Table 1 issues.
25. Other parties may submit brief opening submissions in writing and outline whether their position has changed as a result of the Day 1 draft Amendment documents. Parties must file their opening submissions by 12 noon on Friday, 24 April 2026. These opening submissions will be taken as read but the Committee may ask questions in respect of them at the Hearing.

Directions:

At the Hearing

26. The Planning Authority must provide administrative and technical support to manage the Hearing. This may include:
- booking external venues and coordinating AV support to facilitate the hybrid hearing at offsite venues where necessary
 - hosting the Microsoft Teams link, and audio record the Hearing and upload the recording to the document share platform as soon as practicable after each day's Hearing.

Note

This may include finding a suitable venue for an in person Hearing, or if the Hearing is online or hybrid, configuring a video conference meeting, publishing links to the Hearing online, issuing direct invitations to participants (including the Committee, parties and experts) and providing technical support. It may also include managing the document sharing platform and making audio recordings of sessions if directed by the Committee.

Presenting material

27. Submissions, presentations and other material presented to the Committee:
- must be presented electronically
 - must be circulated by 12 noon on the business day before the material is to be presented
 - should relate to the matters before the Committee
 - must include a summary of fewer than 5 pages if the material is more than 40 pages.

Planning Authority Part B (main) submission

28. Through its Part B (main) submission, the Planning Authority must provide its response to opening submissions and evidence presented at the Hearing.

Other Party Main submissions

29. Parties must file their main submissions by 12 noon on the business day before they are scheduled to appear.
30. A party who objects to the proposal must say how the proposal impacts them, how the proposal is inconsistent with Council or government policy or strategy, or both and how it relates to the Key issues set out in the Referral Letter dated 18 February 2026.
31. A party who intends to supplement their original written submission but not present at the Hearing must circulate their supplementary written submission by 5:00pm on Friday, 24 April 2026.

Note

For information on how to prepare and present material at a Hearing, refer to the [PPV Website](#).

Evidence and cross examination

32. Unless agreed by the Chair, evidence-in-chief should be no longer than 30 minutes
33. An expert witness may present a summary of their evidence at the Hearing, but it must:
- not include background information
 - be focused on issues referred to the Committee as set out in the Referral Letter dated 18 February 2026
 - not include new evidence
 - be circulated by 12 noon the business day before that expert is scheduled to appear.
34. If giving evidence online, an expert must:
- be alone in the room from which they give evidence and not make or receive any communication with another person while giving evidence except with permission from the Committee
 - inform the Committee immediately should another person enter the room from which they are giving evidence
 - not discuss their evidence with any other person during breaks in evidence when under cross examination

Directions:

- d) not have before them any document, other than their expert statement and relevant joint experts report and supporting documents.
35. Parties, advocates and the Committee may question an expert.
36. Unless otherwise agreed by the Chair, cross examination should be restricted to 30 minutes.
37. A party who intends to question an expert must provide written notice to Planning Panels Victoria (office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au) by 3pm the day before the expert is due to appear.
38. If cross examining an expert, a party must:
- be present for the whole of the expert giving their evidence
 - ask clear and relevant questions, directed to matters of fact or professional opinion, that genuinely assist the Committee in understanding the issues
 - allow the expert time to explain their answer.

Notes

The Chair will regulate cross examination. During the Hearing, the Chair may ask you how much time you will need for cross examining each expert, and will ask you to keep to your estimate. You should aim to complete your cross examination as concisely as possible.

Cross examination time may be limited.

You may be asked to move on to another topic if the line of questioning is not useful to the Committee.

Things to avoid when cross examining include:

- making a submission or providing your opinion
- giving extensive comment or context as an introduction to your question
- asking questions that are unrelated to the evidence
- arguing with the expert
- commenting on the expert or the evidence
- asking questions that have already been asked by another party.

If you do not support the evidence or basis on which it was prepared, or consider the evidence should not be given weight, detail your reasons in your submission rather than raising these issues in cross examination.

If you are not experienced in cross examination, you are encouraged to write your questions down to ensure they are succinct, structured into themes and able to be asked without long explanations of the context.

For information on how to cross examine, refer to the [PPV Website](#).

Part C (closing) submissions

39. The Planning Authority and City of Greater Geelong Council will be provided time to present a Part C (closing) submission. The Part C (closing) submissions:
- must not raise new matters
 - may respond to matters raised in other parties' submissions or evidence
 - outline its final position on the draft Amendment.

Drafting changes

40. The Planning Authority must file its final preferred version of the Amendment documentation with its Part C (closing) submission. The final preferred version must:
- show changes proposed in response to evidence or submissions presented at the Hearing
 - be marked up against the Planning Authority Day 1 version
 - be labelled 'Planning Authority Part C (closing) version – Clause X' OR be labelled 'Planning Authority Part C (closing) version – [Document title eg Environmental Delivery Standards].
41. A party seeking to provide drafting comments on the Planning Authority Part C (closing) version of the Amendment documentation must circulate them by **12 noon, three business days after the last day of the Hearing**. Drafting comments must only relate to drafting issues, not broader issues.
42. The Planning Authority may make further comment on changes proposed by parties and file them a further two business days after comments from parties have been received.

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Note

Comments on the final version of Amendment documentation must be limited to drafting (form and content).
Drafting comments can be provided even though your primary position may be that the proposal should not be supported.

Privacy and use of personal information

43. A party must not record, keep, distribute or publish contact details of any other party obtained during the Committee process, or use those contact details for any other purpose.
44. A party must not record any part of a Hearing by any means without permission from the Chair.
45. A party who wishes proceedings to be recorded must make a request to the Chair at least five business days before the Hearing commences, outlining its reasons.
46. If Planning Panels Victoria records a Hearing, any person provided with a copy of the recording must not publish or distribute that recording or use it for any purpose other than for the Committee process.

Note

Committee hearings are only recorded in exceptional circumstances. EES Inquiry Hearings are generally recorded (audio only), but you should check with Planning Panels Victoria before the Hearing starts.
For more information on how your personal information will be used, refer to the Privacy Collection Notice attached to the Committee's Directions Hearing letter dated 23 February 2026.

Distribution List

Victorian Planning Authority Projects Standing Advisory Committee Referral 17: Greater Avalon Employment

Use this list to circulate documents and information in accordance with the Committee's directions. It must not be used for any other purpose. If you are unsure about whether any material or content is appropriate for the Committee process, please seek guidance from Planning Panels Victoria before circulating the material.

Electronic documents

Party	email address
Planning Panels Victoria	office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au
New Communities, Department of Transport and Planning (formerly VPA)	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
City of Greater Geelong (Council)	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Melbourne Water	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Avalon Airport Pty Ltd	[REDACTED]
Avalon Ind 1 Pty Ltd	[REDACTED]
Avalon 2020, Avalon City and Avalon Lodge	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Grassy Plains Network VNPA	[REDACTED]
Jurien Bay Lobster Co Pty Ltd	[REDACTED]
Ken Campbell	[REDACTED]
MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd	[REDACTED]
Sarah McNaught	[REDACTED]
Vinku Seerha/related parties	[REDACTED]
Viva Energy	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
55 Beach Road Pty Ltd	[REDACTED]

Distribution list:

Victorian Planning Authority Projects Standing Advisory Committee Referral 17: Greater Avalon Employment Precinct

Party	email address
	[REDACTED]

Timetable

Victorian Planning Authority Projects Standing Advisory Committee Referral 17: Greater Avalon Employment

Timetable Version 1

Online hearing link to be provided

Day 1: Tuesday 28 April 2026

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		20 mins
Opening submissions			
9:50am	New Communities, DTP (Planning Authority) represented by Briana Eastaugh and Charlie Wurm of Maddocks – Opening submission		30 mins
Drainage and hydrology evidence			
10:20am	Drainage and hydrology experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- TBC of TBC (hydrology and flooding), called by the Planning Authority- Scott Dunn of Engeny, called by City of Greater Geelong Council- TBC of TBC, called by Avalon Ind 1 Pty Ltd- TBC of TBC, called by Avalon 2020, Avalon City and Avalon Lodge- TBC of TBC, called by MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd- Leigh Prossor of Loetis (Civil Engineering/Drainage), called by Sarah McNaught		2.5 days
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 2: Wednesday 29 April 2026

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
9:45am	Drainage and hydrology evidence continued		
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:30pm	Drainage and hydrology evidence continued		
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 3: Thursday 30 April 2026

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
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9:30am	Preliminary matters	15 mins
Drainage and hydrology evidence		
9:45am	Drainage and hydrology evidence continued	
11:15am	Break	15 mins
Planning evidence		
11:30am	Planning experts: - TBC of TBC, called by the Planning Authority	1.5 days
12:45pm	Lunch break	1 hour
1:45pm	Planning evidence continued	
3:15pm	Break	15 mins
4:30pm	Day close	

Day 4: Monday 4 May 2026

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
Planning evidence			
9:45am	Planning expert continued: - TBC of TBC, called by Avalon Ind 1 Pty Ltd - TBC of TBC, called by MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd - TBC of TBC, called by 55 Beach Road Pty Ltd		1 day
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:45pm	Planning evidence continued		
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 5: Tuesday 5 May 2026

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
Ecology and biodiversity evidence			
9:45am	Ecology and biodiversity experts: - TBC of TBC, called by the Planning Authority		1.5 days
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:45pm	Ecology and biodiversity experts :		

	- Jenna Forbes of SMEC, called by Council	
3:15pm	Break	15 mins
4:30pm	Day close	

Day 6: Wednesday 6 May 2026

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
Ecology and biodiversity evidence			
9:45am	Ecology and biodiversity experts : - Dan Well of SMEC, called by Council - TBC of TBC, called by MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd		.5 days
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
Traffic and Transport evidence			
1:45pm	Traffic and transport experts: - Henry Tumbull of Traffix Group, called by Avalon Airport Pty Ltd		.5 days
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 7: Thursday 7 May 2026

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
Traffic and Transport evidence			
9:45am	Traffic and transport experts: - TBC of TBC, called by Avalon Ind 1 Pty Ltd - TBC of TBC, called by Avalon 2020, Avalon City and Avalon Lodge - TBC of TBC, called by MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd - TBC of TBC, called by 55 Beach Road Pty Ltd		1 day
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 8: Monday 11 May 2026

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
Economist evidence			
9:45am	Economics expert: - TBC of TBC, called by Avalon 2020, Avalon City and Avalon Lodge		1.5 hours
11:15am	Break		15 mins
Submissions			
11:30am	New Communities, DTP (Planning Authority) represented by Briana Eastaugh and Charlie Wurm of Maddocks		4 hours
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:45pm	Planning Authority continued		
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 9: Tuesday 12 May 2026

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		5 mins
Submissions			
9:35am	Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action represented by Melissa McCallum	32	10 mins
9:45am	City of Greater Geelong (Council) represented by Rory O'Connor of Hall & Wilcox	56	2 hours
11:15am	Break		15 mins
11:30am	Council continued		
12:00pm	Melbourne Water represented by Aaron Shrimpton of Harwood Andrews Lawyers	53	1.5 hours
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:45pm	Melbourne Water continued		
2:30pm	Avalon Airport Pty Ltd represented by Declan Haratsis of Macroplan	51	30 mins
3:00pm	Sarah McNaught represented by Simon Loader of Tract Consultants	42	1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
3:30pm	Sarah McNaught continued		
4:00pm	Reserve		30 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 10: Wednesday 13 May 2026

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
Submissions			
9:45am	MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd represented by Peter O'Farrell KC and Tom Ellicott instructed by Rhodie Anderson of Rigby Cooke Lawyers	40	4 hours
11:15am	Break		15 mins
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:45pm	MAB Property Developments Pty Ltd continued		
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
3:30pm	Jurien Bay Lobster Co Pty Ltd represented by Jarryd Gray of MinterEllison	34	1 hour
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 11: Thursday 14 May 2026

Venue: SV Hub, XL Boardroom, Level 12/321 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
Submissions			
9:45am	Avalon 2020, Avalon City and Avalon Lodge represented by John Cicero and Jack Curnow of Best Hooper Lawyers	36	2 hours
11:15am	Break		15 mins
11:30am	Avalon 2020, Avalon City and Avalon Lodge continued		
12:00pm	Avalon Ind 1 Pty Ltd represented by Andrew Walker instructed by David Passarella of Colin Biggers & Paisley Lawyers		3 hours
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:45pm	Avalon Ind 1 Pty Ltd continued		
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
3:30pm	Avalon Ind 1 Pty Ltd continued		
4:15pm	Ken Campbell	10	10 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 12: Monday 18 May 2026

Venue: TBC

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins

Submissions			
9:45am	55 Beach Road Pty Ltd represented by Barnaby Chessell SC and Jane Sharpe, instructed by Amar Singh Norton Rose Fulbright Australia	45	2 hours
11:15am	Break		15 mins
11:30am	55 Beach Road Pty Ltd continued		
12:00pm	Viva Energy represented by Anthony Jones	43	30 mins
12:30pm	Avalon Property Corp represented by Will Kleid	57	15 mins
12:45pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1:45pm	Vinku Seerha represented by Mark Marsden of Transect Planning	38	1 hour
2:45pm	Grassy Plains Network (VNPA) represented by Adrian Marshall	52	1.5 hours
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
3:30pm	Grassy Plains Network (VNPA) continued		
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 13: Tuesday 19 May 2026

Venue: TBC

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
9:30am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
Closing submissions			
9:45am	City of Greater Geelong (Council) represented by Rory O'Connor of Hall & Wilcox		30 mins
10:15am	New Communities, DTP (Planning Authority) represented by Briana Eastaugh and Charlie Wurm of Maddocks		1 hour
12:40pm	Hearing close		

Hearing Timetable Notes:

1. If you are unable to be present at your scheduled time, please contact Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 9935 4196 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. 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.
5. If you have any questions about the timetable, please contact Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 9935 4196.