

Kaufland Stores in Victoria Advisory Committee Member Biographies

Surname	First Name	Biography
Chair		
Mitchell	Kathy	Kathryn (Kathy) Mitchell is the Chief Panel Member of Planning Panels Victoria. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Planning, a Graduate Diploma in Urban Sociology and a Master of Arts in Planning (Research). She has previously worked in the private sector, local government, and as an academic, specialising in social and strategic planning, and Activity Centre development. She was a Senior Panel Member with Planning Panels Victoria from 1996 until her appointment as Chief Panel Member in June 2004. Kathy was an occasional sessional member with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal from 1999 – 2004, and is the immediate past President and a Fellow of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association. Kathy regularly chairs planning and environmental matters of State significance, including the Fishermans Bend Planning Review Panel, Melbourne Metro EES, East West Link, Logical Inclusions Advisory Committee, Standard Development Contributions Advisory Committee, Princes Highway EES, Victoria Desalination Plant EES, Sugarloaf North South Pipeline, Woolworths 'Oxygen' roll-out, Point Lonsdale EES, and Wyndham Boat Harbour EES. She has a strong reputation for chairing hearings with certainty fairness, and timeliness.
Deputy Chairs		
Eade	Rodger	Professor Rodger Eade is an academic and former senior manager at Victoria University. Rodger was trained as an economist and originally taught in planning and economics, after working as a Research Economist at the ANZ Bank and the Commonwealth Bureau of Roads. After teaching full-time for almost 20 years, Rodger was a Head of School Deputy Dean in the Faculty of Arts and a series of senior management positions. He is a Senior Sessional Panel Member at Planning Panels Victoria. Rodger has wide experience in planning, and has been a member of and has chaired Panels for significant developments including the Scoresby Transport Corridor, now Eastlink, and Advisory Committees for Logical Inclusions and Standard Development Contributions. He has held other government appointments chairing significant planning projects. Rodger has been a Director of the Western Region Health Centre Ltd and Ozford Institute of Higher Education and Chair of the former. Rodger is an experienced and qualified Company Director.
O'Neil	William	William O'Neil is a Director of O'Neil Pollock & Associates, an independent town planning and economic development consultancy based in Harcourt, Central Victoria. William specialises in strategic and statutory town planning services and local and regional economic development strategy preparation. William is also a Senior Sessional Member with Planning Panels Victoria. In his 18 years with Planning Panels Victoria William has chaired or been a member of a wide range of residential, commercial, industrial and whole of planning scheme amendments and Environmental Effect Statement hearings throughout metropolitan Melbourne and country Victoria. In addition to his town planning and Australia-wide regional economic development work, William is also serves on the Board of Directors of Coliban Water.

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Barker	Suzanne	Suzanne has over 15 years' experience working in the government and private sectors on a range of planning, urban design and community engagement projects. She has Masters qualifications in planning, urban design and landscape architecture. She has been a sessional member of Planning Panels Victoria since 2013, and has sat on a variety of matters including reviewing submissions associated with activity centre structure plans, and applications of Heritage Overlays, and Neighbourhood Character Overlays. She has worked on a range of urban design and planning projects which cover diverse areas such as urban renewal, activity centre and precinct design and planning, preparation of development plans, and growth planning. She is also undertaking doctoral research at Monash University's Art Design and Architecture Faculty, in relation to integrating knowledge from the behavioural sciences to improve our understanding of residents' responses to urban intensification proposals.
Partenio	Kate	Kate Partenio is a sessional member of both PPV and VCAT. She brings over 25 years of expertise in transport planning and traffic engineering. Prior to 2015, Kate was a Director of GTA Consultants and also has experience working in local government. At PPV, Kate has worked on a number of large Panels including the Melbourne Metro Rail EES & Advisory Committee and the West Gate Tunnel EES & Advisory Committee. Kate holds a degree in civil engineering and post graduate qualifications in traffic and transport engineering.