

Yan Yean Road EES Inquiry and Advisory Committee Member Biographies

Surname	First Name	Biography
Chair		
Tsotsoros	Con	<p>Con Tsotsoros was appointed as Senior Panel Member at Planning Panels Victoria in July 2013. Con has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Planning, with 14 years' experience in the private sector focussed on planning and economics. This includes retail and commercial, tourist precincts, major residential, business parks, golf/residential estates, and mixed use developments in Victoria and interstate. He has held positions in local government, and has been with state government planning since 2006 as Assistant Director Statutory Systems, where he led major planning reform initiatives.</p> <p>At PPV, Con has specialised in retail, economic, strategic and master planning and heritage. These include retail proposals and structure planning involving economic issues in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria. Other matters include solar energy facilities proposals with state-significant economic considerations and industrial strategies.</p> <p>Con is a Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia and member of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association.</p>
Members		
Bell	Elissa	<p>Elissa Bell holds undergraduate qualifications in science and law and was admitted to practice law in 2013. Elissa has 15 years' experience in both private and public sectors specialising in environmental impact assessment, environmental and planning approvals, environmental management systems, stakeholder engagement and public participation in environmental approvals. Initially working in private consulting, Elissa contributed to the writing and management of environmental impact assessments for mining and infrastructure projects in Australia and overseas. Following this, Elissa gained 4 years' experience in State government managing large projects that required environmental impact assessments under the Environment Effects Act 1978 (EE Act). Elissa has been at Planning Panels Victoria since 2015 initially as a Senior Project Manager, then being appointed a sessional member in 2018. Elissa has been a member of the following panels: Greater Geelong C375 (Barwon Heads Structure Plan), Government Land Standing Advisory Committee, Yarra Ranges C176 and Cape Otway Road Australia Development Advisory Committee.</p>
Partenio	Kate	<p>Kate Partenio holds an undergraduate qualification in civil engineering and a post graduate qualification in traffic engineering and transport planning. She is a sessional member of both Planning Panels Victoria and the Victoria Civil and Administrative Tribunal. In former roles, she worked as a traffic engineer and transport planner in private practice for 19 years, and in local government for 4 years. She was a director of GTA Consultants from 1999-2014. Kate has transport expertise in land use planning, strategic planning, master planning, traffic impact assessments, car parking, design and road safety. In her PPV role she has been appointed to a number of matters and advisory committees including the Melbourne Metro Rail EES Inquiry and Advisory Committee, the West Gate Tunnel Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee, the Kaufland Stores in Vic Advisory Committee, Bangholme Market Advisory Committee, Moreland C164 Panel, Kingston C180, and the Great Ocean Road Region SAC.</p>