



Planning Panels Victoria

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

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As addressed

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Dear Submitter,

Fishermans Bend Planning Review Panel - Draft Amendment GC81 to Melbourne and Port Phillip Planning Schemes

Thank you for your submission to the Fishermans Bend Planning Review Panel. Information about the Review Panel including the Terms of Reference provided by the Minister for Planning can be found at:

<https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/panels-and-committees/current-panels/fishermans-bend-planning-review-panel>

The Review Panel comprises Kathy Mitchell (Chair), Lester Townsend (Deputy Chair), Sarah Carlisle, Rodger Eade and Peter Edwards.

The role of the Review Panel is to:

- advise the Minister for Planning on the appropriateness of draft Planning Scheme Amendment GC81 to the Melbourne and Port Phillip Planning Schemes.

All submissions and information provided at the Hearing about the Amendment will be **treated as public documents**.

The Hearing process has two stages: the Directions Hearing and the Public Hearing.

Stage 1: Directions Hearing

The purpose of the Directions Hearing is to:

- consider any preliminary or procedural issues and give directions about the conduct of the Hearing including the exchange of any expert witness reports
- make arrangements for the Hearing, including the Timetable and Hearing venue
- answer any questions people may have about the Hearing.

The Directions Hearing will be held:

10.00am, Wednesday 20 December 2017
Hearing Room 1, Planning Panels Victoria
1 Spring Street, Melbourne

You should attend the Directions Hearing if:

- You are unfamiliar with the Review Panel process and wish to participate in the Public Hearing process
- You have any questions about the Review Panel process or wish to raise any procedural issues.

Stage 2: Public Hearing

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to give people an opportunity to speak in support of their written submission. This Hearing is scheduled to commence in the week of **12 February 2018** and is expected to be completed in approximately four to five weeks.

Privacy Statement

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The Public Hearing is open to all submitters and the public.

The Review Panel will receive a copy of all written submissions made to it and will consider them when preparing its report, whether or not the submitter appears at the Hearing.

Hearing Structure and Timeframes

The Review Panel will hear the threshold or generic submissions first. It will then hear submissions to the five Fishermans Bend precincts concurrently based on municipality.

Week 1	Week of 12 February 2018	Industry and threshold (generic) submissions
Week 2	Week of 19 February 2018	Montague and Lorimer Precincts
Week 3	Week of 26 February 2018	Montague and Lorimer Precincts
Week 4	Week of 5 March 2018	Sandridge, Wirraway and Employment Precincts

The week of 12 March 2018 will be retained as a reserve week.

For each of the precinct hearings, the Planning Authority and relevant Council will be heard first, followed by agencies, land owners, community groups and individual submitters.

The Terms of Reference at Clause 29 allow the Review Panel to “...limit the time of parties appearing before it using the following timeframes as a guide”

- Local Council – 3 hours
- Land owner – 2 to 3 hours
- Agency or statutory authority – 1 hour
- Community Group – 1 hour
- Individual – 30 minutes

If you wish to be heard at the Public Hearing, you must complete all sections of the request to be heard form on the Engage Victoria submission webpage, taking into account the timeframes noted in the Terms of Reference.

Hearing Timetable

The Review Panel will prepare a Timetable for the Public Hearing based on the information provided on the submission form. A Timetable will be emailed to those submitters who requested to be heard at the Public Hearing and will be available on the Planning Panels Victoria website.

A copy of the Timetable will be posted on the project website (and updates to it over the course of the hearing process), noted on the first page of this letter.

Expert Evidence

If evidence is being called, the Review Panel will make directions about the submission of expert reports. These reports will need to be circulated at least five working days before the Hearing or as directed by the Review Panel. All evidence will be taken as read, but the author of the evidence must attend the relevant session of the Hearing to answer questions from the Review Panel if required.

If you have any queries please contact Andrea Harwood, Senior Project Manager, Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 8392 5123 or planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Kathy Mitchell
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