

# Western Outer Ring Main (WORM) Gas Pipeline Project EES Inquiry

## Member Biographies

Surname	First Name	Biography
<b>Chair</b>		
Kirsch	Michael	Michael is a strategic and statutory planner with over 30 years' town planning experience. Michael has worked for local and State governments in Victoria and interstate and has been a sole practitioner planning consultant since 2000. He has tertiary qualifications in town planning and business. Michael is a Senior Sessional Member of Planning Panels Victoria and has chaired or been a member of a wide range of Planning Panels and Ministerial Advisory Committees.
<b>Deputy Chair</b>		
Bell	Elissa	Elissa 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.
<b>Member</b>		
Brizga	Sandra	Sandra has over 30 years' experience in environmental science and management, including 25 years' experience as an independent consultant, focusing on river, catchment and coastal management. She has extensive experience in leading multidisciplinary teams and managing complex environmental projects and is an experienced chairperson and director. Sandra is an expert in geomorphology and environmental hydrology and is the President of the Australian and New Zealand Geomorphology Group. Her many professional publications include a book (River Management: The Australasian Experience) and over 200 reports. Sandra also has qualifications in environmental law and finance. She has been a Sessional Member of Planning Panels Victoria since 2018 and has sat on a number of Panels, EES Inquiries and Advisory Committees, including the Edithvale and Bonbeach Level Crossing Removal EES Inquiry in 2018, the Mordialloc Bypass EES Inquiry in 2019 and the Golden Beach Gas Project EES Inquiry of 2020.