

## ARDEN PRECINCT - DRAFT AMENDMENT PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS

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The VPA has prepared the Draft Planning Scheme Amendment (**Draft Amendment**) for the Arden Precinct on behalf of the Department of Transport.

The Draft Amendment is the subject of a public consultation period from 13 September 2021 to 11 October 2021.

Following receipt of submissions, the Minister for Planning may determine to appoint an Advisory Committee (**AC**) under Part 7 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to hear submissions from interested persons and to provide advice to the Minister.

On the assumption that an AC hearing will take place, and to assist parties in assessing the Draft Amendment and preparing for an AC hearing, the VPA has prepared a draft proposed procedural timetable for likely steps in respect of an AC hearing. The steps outlined are not intended to be exhaustive, but instead to provide an outline of the key dates in the timeline to assist parties in making submissions relating to the Draft Amendment.

The VPA will present detailed proposed orders at the AC directions hearing.

Event	Proposed dates
Public consultation	13 September 2021 to 11 October 2021
Advisory Committee Directions Hearing	Week Commencing 6 December 2021
Distribution of Part A submission materials	Week Commencing 13 December 2021
Distribution of evidence	20 December 2021
Expert conclaves	Week commencing 31 January 2022
Hearing commences	7 February 2022 for an estimated period of approximately 4 weeks
April – June 2022	Receipt of AC report, consideration and finalisation of planning scheme amendment