



Planning Panels Victoria

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5 October 2021

Dear Party,

Western Outer Ring Main Gas Pipeline Project Inquiry and Panel

Please find attached a revised Timetable (version 4) as discussed on Day 2 of the Hearing.

In addition, the Inquiry notes the EPA's advice during its submission on Day 1 of the Hearing that it will provide some commentary on the Day 1 versions of the relevant Environmental Management Framework (EMF) documents provided by the Proponent. As such, please see the following Direction.

1. The Inquiry directs that EPA circulate its comments on the Day 1 versions of the relevant EMF documents provided by the Proponent by close of business on Friday 8 October 2021.

Separately, and as discussed during the Hearing, the Inquiry understands that aerial drone footage of the pipeline route can be made available to the Inquiry on a confidential basis. The Inquiry notes that there were no objections from submitters about these arrangements when they were discussed on Day 1 of the Hearing.

2. The Inquiry directs that the Proponent provide the aerial drone footage of the pipeline route by 12.00pm on Friday 8 October 2021. In order to assist the Proponent, the areas of particular interest are shown on the two attached aerial photographs.

If you have questions about the Timetable or Directions, please contact Georgia Thomas, Project Officer of Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 8624 5717 or planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Kirsch

Inquiry and Panel Chair

Att 1 – Jacksons Creek and Tributary

Att 2 – Merri Creek

Timetable

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Timetable Version 4

Day 1: Monday 4 October 2021

Venue: Zoom video conference – [Click here to join the Hearing](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10.00am – 10.15am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am – 10.30am	Minister for Planning , represented by Daniel Banfai of DELWP Impact Assessment Unit		15 mins
10.30am – 10.45am	Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change , represented by Don Hough of DELWP Pipeline Regulation Unit		15 mins
10.45am – 11:30am	Environment Protection Authority , represented by Peter Tziotis		45 mins
11.30am – 11.45am	Break		15 mins
11.45am – 12.30pm	APA Transmission Pty Ltd and APA VTS (Operations) Pty Ltd represented by Alexandra Guild of Counsel. Opening submission and calling the following evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Project rationale from Jim Snow of Oakley Greenwood (Peer review witness)		6 days
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1.30pm – 4.30pm	APA continued		
4.30pm	Day close		

Day 2: Tuesday 5 October 2021

Venue: Zoom video conference – [Click here to join the Hearing](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10.00am – 10.15am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am – 11.15am	APA Transmission Pty Ltd and APA VTS (Operations) Pty Ltd represented by Alexandra Guild of Counsel and calling the following expert evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Land Use from William Bromhead of Ratio Consultants (Peer review witness)- Cultural Heritage from Aaron Dalla-Vecchia of Biosis		6 days
11.15am – 11.30am	Break		15 mins
11.30am – 12.30pm	APA continued		
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1.30pm – 4.30pm	APA continued		
4.30pm	Day close		

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Day 3: Wednesday 6 October 2021

Venue: Zoom video conference – [Click here to join the Hearing](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10.00am – 10.15am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am – 11.15am	APA Transmission Pty Ltd and APA VTS (Operations) Pty Ltd represented by Alexandra Guild of Counsel and calling the following expert evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Biodiversity and habitats (Fauna) from Kelly Dalton of GHD- Biodiversity and habitats (Flora) from Jen Comber of GHD- Biodiversity and habitats from Christopher Dunk of Nature Advisory (peer review witness)- Noise and vibration from Christophe Delaire of Marshall Day Acoustics (Peer review witness)		6 days
11.15am – 11.30am	Break		15 mins
11.30am – 12.30pm	APA continued		
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1.30pm – 4.30pm	APA continued		
4.30pm	Day close		

Thursday 7 October 2021 Non-sitting day

Day 4: Monday 11 October 2021

Venue: Zoom video conference – [Click here to join the Hearing](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10.00am – 10.15am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am – 11.15am	APA Transmission Pty Ltd and APA VTS (Operations) Pty Ltd represented by Alexandra Guild of Counsel and calling the following expert evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Surface Water from Ashley Roberts of GHD- Surface Water from Andrew McCowan of Water Technology (Peer review witness)- Traffic from Charmaine Dunstan of Traffix Group (Peer review witness)		6 days
11.15am – 11.30am	Break		15 mins
11.30am – 12.30pm	APA continued		
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch break		1 hour

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1.30pm – 4.30pm	APA continued
4.30pm	Day close

Tuesday 12 October 2021 Non-sitting day

Day 5: Wednesday 13 October 2021

Venue: Zoom video conference – [Click here to join the Hearing](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10.00am – 10.15am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am - 12.15pm	Department of Transport represented by Tim Power of White and Case	23	2 hours
12.15pm – 1.15pm	Lunch break		1 hour
1.15pm – 1.45pm	Victorian Planning Authority represented by Megan Taylor	22	30 mins
1.45pm – 2.05pm	Victorian Farmers Federation represented by Emma Germano or Lisa Gervasoni	13	20 mins
2.05pm – 2.35pm	Animal Justice Party represented by Nadine Richings	25	30 mins
2.35pm – 2.50pm	Break		15 mins
2.50pm – 3.00pm	Darebin Climate Action Now represented by Jim Crosthwaite	20	10 mins
3.00pm – 3.20pm	Jim Crosthwaite	17	20 mins
3.20pm – 3.40pm	Grassy Plains Network represented by Adrian Marshall and Bonnie Gelman	14	20 mins
3.40pm – 4.10pm	Melton City Council represented by Kelly Archibald and Anastasia Badina		30 mins
4.10pm	Day close		

Day 6: Thursday 14 October 2021

Venue: Zoom video conference – [Click here to join the Hearing](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10.00am – 10.15am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am – 12.15pm	Hume City Council represented by Stefan Fielder of Russell Kennedy Lawyers	15	2 hours
12.15pm – 12.25pm	Break		10 mins
12.25pm – 12.40pm	JII Developments Pty Ltd represented by Chris Cantor of Maddocks Lawyers	10	15 mins

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12.40pm – 12.55pm	Tim Forcey	12	15 mins
12.55pm – 1.55pm	Lunch		
1.55pm – 4.30pm	APA Transmission Pty Ltd and APA VTS (Operations) Pty Ltd represented by Alexandra Guild of Counsel Submission		
4.30pm	Day close		

Day 7: Friday 15 October 2021

Venue: Zoom video conference – [Click here to join the Hearing](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
1.00pm – 1.10pm	Preliminary matters		10 mins
1.10pm – 4.20pm	APA continued Without prejudice discussion of Environmental Management Framework (Including any Inquiry questions related to EPA comments)		2 hours
4.20pm – 4.30pm	Inquiry closing comments		10 mins
4.30pm	Close of hearing		

Monday 18 October 2021

No longer required as a reserved day

Hearing Timetable Notes:

1. The Inquiry may amend the timetable without notice.
2. Please log in to Zoom at least 20 minutes before your scheduled commencement time.
3. Time will be made for morning and afternoon breaks each day.
4. If you are unable to be present at your scheduled time, please contact Planning Panels Victoria as soon as possible.
5. If you have any questions about the timetable, please contact Georgia Thomas at planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au or (03) 8624 5717.