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LATEST NEWS

RIVERS OF THE BARWON AND WATERWAYS OF THE WEST DISCUSSION PAPERS

DELWP is seeking feedback on the Barwon Ministerial Advisory Committee's Discussion Paper *Protecting Rivers of the Barwon (Barre Warre Yulluk)* and the Waterways of the West Ministerial Advisory Committee's Discussion Paper *Protecting the Waterways of the West*. These papers aim to promote community discussion on how these waterways can be better managed and protected. Submissions in response to the Barwon Discussion Paper are due by 3 November 2019, [click here](#) to have your say. Submissions in response to the Waterways of the West Discussion Paper are due by 17 November 2019, [click here](#) to have your say.

DRAFT MELBOURNE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL LAND USE PLAN

DELWP has released the *Draft Melbourne Industrial and Commercial Land Use Plan* for comment and feedback. The plan builds on policies, strategies and actions in Plan Melbourne and its associated Implementation Plan. It provides an overview of current and future needs for industrial and commercial land across metropolitan Melbourne and seeks to put in place a planning framework to support state and local government to plan more effectively for future employment and industry needs. You are invited to read the draft plan and make a submission by 31 December 2019 at the Engage Victoria webpage: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/planning-melbournes-industrial-and-commercial-land>

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (FEES) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2019

The Planning and Environment (Fees) Regulations 2016 have been amended by the Planning and Environment (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2019 which amend regulation 17(b) to increase the current fee for an application for a planning certificate that was made and finalised electronically. The new fee has been set at \$7.28. The Regulations are in effect.

VPELA EVENTS

Wed 13 Nov: [Barber Lecture](#) - VPELA is delighted to announce that the 2019 Lecture will be given by Jennifer Keesmaat, Urban Planner. Named one of the "most powerful people in Canada". Keesmaat has worked in municipalities across Canada and around the world on urban design guidelines, official plan reviews and strategies for creating dense, walkable cities.

Fri 15 Nov: [The Red Tape Review, the Draft Reports is in!](#) - Commissioner for Better Regulation, Anna Cronin has undertaken the most significant review of the planning and building approval system in Victoria's recent history. Join VPELA and UDIA Victoria for this essential industry-first briefing forum where the Commissioner will present the findings and recommendations that will have the biggest impact on industry.

Wed 20 Nov: [Moot Court](#) - There is much to learn when appearing before a Tribunal or Panel for the first time and VPELA have eager young professionals who have completed the 2019 course who are ready to put their skills to the test. The 'mock hearing' will be conducted before sitting members of the Tribunal. Understand how to structure your submissions, survive cross-examination and learn how your expert opinion informs a decision.

PIA PLANET

Tue 12 Nov: [Communicating with Communities](#) - A full day workshop covering how to engage with communities, how to improve your written & visual communication & how to successfully run meetings with communities.

Thu 14 Nov: [Applying the Better Apartment Design Standards](#) - This workshop provides planners with an understanding of the operation of the recently introduced Better Apartments Design Standards at Clause 55.07 and Clause 58 of all planning schemes.

Tue 19 Nov: [Infill Development in Heritage Areas](#) - This program aims to give a brief background about diverging views on architectural design in heritage areas and context for interpreting what might and might not constitute appropriate design outcomes. Specific infill development types will be outlined and explored through a range of illustrated case studies.

Tue 26 Nov: [The A-Z of Planning](#) - This course provides an overview of practical skills that will help you cope with the day-to-day requirements of using Victoria's planning system.

PIA CPD BEFORE DINNER SERIES

Tue 19 Nov: [CPD Before Dinner - Solar and Wind Farms - Planning Challenges](#) - Join us in person or via livestream next month for the final CPD Before Session for 2019. This evening seminar will teach you things planners need to know about Solar and Wind Farms and explore the planning challenges that can accompany them.

PIA EVENTS

Thu 14 Nov: [Tips for Success in Local Government Planning](#) - Join PIA for an evening of discussion from a panel of experts in local government who will provide some valuable tips and insights for success in local government. The panel has a variety of experience from statutory, strategic, enforcement, regional, metro and rural.

Fri 22 Nov: [Student Social - Presented by VYP + MUPSS + PERMITSS + MAPS + PLAN B](#) - In a planning profession first, these 5 organisations will be joining together for a night of drinks, nibbles and discussion of the topic that unites us all, planning!

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APPROVALS

- [Baw Baw C133bawb](#) updates local provisions of the Scheme where local schedules in zones, overlays, particular provisions, general provisions and operational provisions are inconsistent.
- [GC146](#) updates the mapping for the Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) by deleting the BMO (maps) in five planning schemes where the vegetation no longer meets the criteria as set out in *Planning Advisory Note 46 - Bushfire Management Overlay Mapping Methodology and Criteria*.

EXHIBITIONS

- [Bass Coast C153basc](#) proposes to apply to the land at the southwest corner of the intersection of Phillip Island and Ventnor Roads, Cowes (Lot 1 PS 706350M) (subject land).
- [Boroondara C318boro](#) proposes to introduce Heritage Overlays over 15 individual properties and one precinct in Balwyn, Balwyn North and Deepdene on a permanent basis.
- [Colac Otway C103cola](#) proposes to correct mapping and ordinance anomalies, errors and redundant provisions.
- [Greater Dandenong C203gdan](#) proposes to implement the recommendations of the *Springvale Activity Centre Structure Plan (2017)* and the *Springvale Building Heights and Setbacks Study (Tract, 2016)*.

PANEL REPORTS

- [Darebin C167dare](#) Implementation of the Showers Street (Preston) Design Guidelines – Background Report 2018.

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