

MRDAC Frequently Asked Questions

What are the key dates for the project?

Tuesday 2 February 2016	<i>Residential State of Play Reports</i> made available to the public
Monday 14 March 2016	Submission period closes at 5.00pm
Friday 1 April 2016	The Advisory Committee will hold a Directions Hearing
April – May 2016	The Advisory Committee will hold Public Hearings
End June 2016	The Advisory Committee will report to the Minister for Planning

When is the last date I can make a submission?

The submission period will close at 5.00pm Monday 14 March 2016.

Should I wait until the *Residential State of Play Reports* are publicly released before I make a submission?

You are welcome to make a submission at any time during the submission period; all submissions will be afforded equal consideration. You may find the information in the *Residential State of Play Reports* useful in understanding the residential zones and demographic trends in your area. The *Residential State of Play Reports* were publicly released on Tuesday 2 February 2016 to allow interested parties an additional four weeks to consider the reports prior to the submission period closing.

Whether they are submitted at the beginning or the end of the submission period, all submissions will be treated equally.

If you make a submission prior to the *Residential State of Play Reports* being released and wish to amend or supplement your submission, contact Planning Panels Victoria on 8392 6744.

How do I know what subregion my Council is in?

A list of Councils by subregion is provided in Appendix A of the Terms of Reference.

My Council isn't listed in the Terms of Reference. Can I still make a submission?

The Committee will specifically be considering Councils in metropolitan Melbourne and the regional cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong and Latrobe. The Committee will also be looking at residential development and zones more broadly and you are welcome to make a general submission to the Committee.

I want the Advisory Committee to recommend that my land be rezoned. Is this in scope?

It is not the role of the Committee to consider requests to rezone specific sites.

The Committee will be considering the zones from a procedural and policy perspective including reviewing the previous, process undertaken, how they are currently applied, and to consider how this process could be improved in the future including the level of justification required and the role of community consultation in the process.

Making a Submission

How can I make a submission to the Advisory Committee?

It is preferred that submissions are made through the online form. All submissions will be compiled and provided to the members of the Committee.

If I do not have access to the internet, how can I make a submission?

Written submission will be accepted by post in instances where internet access is not available. Written submissions must be accompanied by a completed and signed Submission Coversheet. To post in a submission, you will need to first request a hard copy of the Submission Coversheet from Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 8392 6744.

Can I email in my submission?

Submissions can either be lodged by using the online form or by post.

How do I know that my submission has been received?

If you make a submission using the online form, you will receive an instant confirmation by email. Submissions received by post will receive a hard copy letter in response.

Can I make a submission as part of a Residents Group/Organisation?

The Advisory Committee will consider all submissions received. An organisation, residents group, or group of individual submitters may choose to provide a single group submission. Correspondence will be directed to the first name listed unless otherwise indicated.

Can I submit a petition or pro-forma type submission to the Advisory Committee?

Should a petition be received, any correspondence will be directed only to the first name listed, unless otherwise indicated within the submission. Any signatory upon a petition is entitled to make their own individual written submission, which will be registered independently.

Pro-forma type submissions will be treated as a single submission, with any correspondence being directed to the first one received.

How your information will be used

How will my information be used by Planning Panels Victoria?

All submissions are treated public documents.

The name and address you provide on the required Submission Coversheet will form part of your submission and will be publicly available. During this process, Planning Panels Victoria may:

- Provide a copy of your submission to the Local Councils, Government Agencies and other parties (submitters) to the Hearing
- Provide a copy of your submission to the Department if needed for preparing Ministerial briefings.
- Display a copy of your submission at the office of the Planning Panels Victoria
- Display a copy of your submission at the relevant Local Council Office or Government Office as appropriate
- If a Public Hearing is to be held, display a copy of your submission in the Hearing room.

The e-mail and phone number you provide in the Submission Coversheet (either online or hard copy) will be used by Planning Panels Victoria to contact you about the Public Hearing.

The email address provided on this form may be provided to other parties to the Hearing to allow for the circulation of information or Expert Witness Reports. Your phone number will not be disclosed to other parties.

Can I choose to exclude my details from my submission?

Please note that Planning Panels Victoria is unable to accept submissions where the name has been left intentionally blank. These details are needed to ensure that submissions are genuine, and to contact submitters throughout the process.

Will my details appear in the Committees report?

The Committee's report will contain a list of submitters (name only). The report may also include direct quotes from some of the submissions and the submitter's name and address as required. The use of name and address together within its report will only be when a specific request or concern is raised.

Will my information appear on the internet?

Planning Panels Victoria will not publish your submission on the internet.

Once released, the Committee's report may be available on the internet and will include information as detailed in the previous question.

How can I find out more about the general issues related to Advisory Committees and Panel Hearings?

A more comprehensive list of common questions, and further information in relation to the Planning Panels Victoria processes can be found here:

<http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/panels-and-committees/planning-panel-guides-and-faqs>

Further information

Who do I contact if I need further information?

Questions about the Advisory Committee process and making a submission should be directed to Planning Panels Victoria on 8392 6744.

Questions about the Managing Residential Development Taskforce, and the *Residential State of Play Reports* should be directed to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning on 8392 6411.