

# Great Ocean Road Region Standing Advisory Committee

## Member Biographies

Surname	First Name	Biography
<b>Co-Chair</b>		
Mitchell	Kathy	Kathryn (Kathy) Mitchell is the Chief Panel Member of Planning Panels Victoria. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Planning, a Graduate Diploma in Urban Sociology and a Master of Arts in Planning (Research). She has previously worked in the private sector, local government, and as an academic, specialising in social and strategic planning, and Activity Centre development. She was a Senior Panel Member with Planning Panels Victoria from 1996 until her appointment as Chief Panel Member in June 2004. Kathy was an occasional sessional member with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal from 1999 – 2004, and is the immediate past President and a Fellow of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association. Kathy regularly chairs planning and environmental matters of State significance, including Fishermans Bend Review Panel, Melbourne Metro EES, East West Link, Logical Inclusions Advisory Committee, Standard Development Contributions Advisory Committee, Princes Highway EES, Victoria Desalination Plant EES, Sugarloaf North South Pipeline, Woolworths 'Oxygen' roll-out, Point Lonsdale EES, and Wyndham Boat Harbour EES. She has a strong reputation for chairing hearings with certainty fairness, and timeliness.
Wimbush	Nick	Nicholas (Nick) Wimbush was appointed as Deputy Chief Panel Member in early 2018, following 13 years as a Senior Panel Member. He has undergraduate qualifications in environmental science and postgraduate qualifications in public policy and law. He has significant expertise in environmental assessment, coastal planning and strategic planning. He has previously worked in the private sector in Australia and overseas. Mr Wimbush is a Fellow of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association. Mr Wimbush has chaired a number of Panels, EES Inquiries and Advisory Committees, including the West Gate Tunnel Project EES Inquiry in 2017, and was Deputy Chair of the East West Link (Eastern Section) Project Assessment Committee in 2014.
<b>Deputy 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.
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Bell	Elissa	Elissa is a sessional member of Planning Panels Victoria. She has a Bachelor of Science (Marine and Freshwater Ecology and Environmental Chemistry), Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice. She was admitted to the Supreme Court of Victoria in 2013. Elissa has over 10 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. Most recently, Elissa was a Senior Project Manager at PPV managing major Advisory Committee and Inquiry projects including the Government Land Standing Advisory Committee, Melbourne Metro Rail Project, Flemington Hill and Epsom Road Advisory Committee and Animal Industries Advisory Committee.

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Keddie	Ann	Architect and urban designer Ann Keddie has been a sessional member of Planning Panels Victoria since 1994. Ann was a director of an award winning architectural practice which specialized in housing, landscape and urban design, with a particular interest in the relationship between the built environment and equity and social justice. She is a former member of the Victorian Heritage Council, and is a sessional member of VCAT Planning and Environment list. Since 2004, Ann has led architectural study tours in Europe and the USA. Both these continents demonstrate the effect of topography, climate, history and politics in determining both built form and cultural identity. She now primarily consults to government on design, planning and infrastructure.
Malouf	Michael	Michael Malouf is a sessional member of Planning Panels Victoria. His qualifications include a civil engineering degree, an MBA and post graduate qualifications in municipal engineering and the Company Directors qualification. He has held CEO roles at VicRoads, Barwon Water, Melbourne, Greater Geelong, Wyndham, Werribee and Melton Councils and at the Carlton Football Club. He is currently Chair of the Kardinia Park Stadium Trust and sits on the Board of Southern Rural Water. He is a Fellow of Engineers Australia, the IPAA and the AICD. His primary areas of expertise will be in transport planning, stormwater management, traffic impacts, water and sewerage supply and demand and also has extensive experience in major projects with a strong understanding of business and commercial principles.
Partenio	Kate	Kate Partenio holds an undergraduate qualification in civil engineering and a post graduate qualification in traffic engineering and transport planning. She is a sessional member of both Planning Panels Victoria and the Victoria Civil and Administrative Tribunal. In former roles, she worked as a traffic engineer and transport planner in private practice for 19 years, and in local government for 4 years. She was a director of GTA Consultants from 1999-2014. Kate has transport expertise in land use planning, strategic planning, master planning, traffic impact assessments, car parking, design and road safety. In her PPV role she was a member of the Melbourne Metro Rail EES Inquiry and Advisory Committee, the West Gate Tunnel Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee, the Kaufland Stores in Vic Advisory Committee, Bangholme Market Advisory Committee and Moreland C164 Panel.