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## LATEST NEWS

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### VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES

Draft guidelines have been prepared to help outline the assessment and development process for large-scale [solar energy facilities](#) in Victoria and will now be further developed through community and industry consultation.

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### VCAT RED DOT DECISION

[O'Kane v Macedon Ranges SC \(Red Dot\) \[2018\] VCAT 1562 \(9 October 2018\)](#):

Application to construct eight dwellings on a lot in a *Neighbourhood Residential Zone* and the meaning and effect of the transitional provision at clause 32.09-6.

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### PLANNING FEES REGULATIONS AMENDED

The Planning and Environment (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2018 were made by the Governor in Council on Tuesday 9 October 2018 and they will come into effect on 1 November 2018. The Regulations amend the Planning and Environment (Fees) Regulations 2016.

The Regulations add a new VicSmart class of application; clarify the fees for an application to amend a planning permit (regulation 11) by setting it at the additional value of development and increase the fee for a planning certificate where the application is made and finalised electronically. The Planning Fees website will be amended to reflect the new changes when the Regulations come into effect on 1 November. Until that time the Regulations can be viewed on the [legislation website](#).

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### SMART PLANNING ROADSHOW

Don't worry if you didn't get the chance to come along in person, we [recorded one of our sessions](#) so that you can watch it at your leisure.

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### VPELA EVENTS

Thu 18 Oct - A new approach to [Earth Resource Regulation](#) - raw materials to support Victoria's growth.

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### 2018 SMEC NEXUS BALL

Fri 19 Oct - [2018 SMEC Nexus Ball](#) - VPELA, PIA and UDIA invite you to the premier event for young professionals in the planning, development and environment industries.

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### VOLUNTARY AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENTS GRANTS PROGRAM

Mon 22 Oct - The program provides specialist expert and technical assistance to negotiate Section 173 agreements for affordable housing. Projects which could benefit from a [Voluntary Affordable Housing Agreement](#) are encouraged to apply.

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### PIA PLANET COURSES

Thu 18 Oct - [Planning Around Sustainable Animal Industries \(Bendigo\)](#); Thu 8 Nov - [Planning Around Sustainable Animal Industries \(Warrnambool\)](#); Thu 29 Nov - [Public Participation for Decision Makers – What, Why and How to involve others in your decisions \(IAP2\)](#)

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### PIA 2018 NATIONAL RURAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

1 - 2 Nov - [PIA 2018 National Rural and Regional Planning Conference](#)

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### PIA 2018 CELEBRATION OF PLANNING DINNER

Fri 9 Nov - [PIA 2018 Celebration of Planning Dinner](#).

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## APPROVALS

- [Cardinia C243](#) inserts a new incorporated document titled “*Puffing Billy Railway Discovery Centre Incorporated Document, August 2018*”.
- [Darebin C164](#) corrects an error to the spatial application of HO295 where it applies to the Reservoir substation.
- [GC96](#) inserts the *Melbourne Metro Rail Project: Upgrades to the Rail Network Incorporated Document, May 2018* into the Brimbank, Casey, Cardinia, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Hume, Kingston, Maribyrnong, Melton, Monash, Stonnington, Whittlesea and Yarra planning schemes.
- [Glen Eira C149](#) replaces Clause 22.01 Heritage Policy with an updated Heritage Policy.
- Greater Bendigo C234 amends Clause 21.10 to include *Nanga Gnulle 40 Harley Street, Strathdale Heritage Citation*, Amended September 2018 document.
- [Knox C142](#) rezones the Kingston Links Golf Course and adjacent council reserves.
- [Maroondah C96](#) amends the Local Planning Policy Framework and applies a Design and Development Overlay over the existing commercial area.
- [Maroondah C97](#) rezones three properties and corrects several mapping anomalies.
- [Mount Alexander C84](#) rezones land at Lots A, B and C 26 Market Street and part Lot 1 part 17 Craigie Street, Harcourt from Farming Zone to General Residential Zone.
- [Whittlesea C113](#) rezones land at 410 Cooper Street and 315 O’Herns Road, Epping, from Farming Zone and Special Use Zone to Industrial 1 Zone.
- [Yarra C188](#) allows use of the land for “dwelling” through an exemption in *5-15 Mayfield Street, Abbotsford, Incorporated Document October 2018*.
- [Yarra Ranges C142](#) makes changes to apply a new Schedule 11 to the Special Use Zone to the Burnham Beeches site at 1 Sherbrooke Road, Sherbrooke.

## EXHIBITIONS

- [Whittlesea C217](#) proposes to rezone land within the Urban Growth Boundary to allow for residential development of the Quarry Hills Regional Parkland.

## PANEL REPORTS

- [Greater Shepparton Permit Applications \(2017-162, 2017-274, 2017-301, 2017-344\) Call-in](#): Development of Solar Farms at Congupna, Lemnos, Tallygaroopna and Tatura.

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