



# Planning Panels Victoria

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As addressed

Dear Party

## **Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee – Referral No. 6 Call in of VCAT proceeding P846/2020 – 14 South Circular Road and 15-17 Payne Street, Gladstone Park**

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The Committee has received a request from Harwood Andrews on behalf of Hume City Council (Council) on 1 December 2020 seeking that the Roundtable be adjourned to mid-January 2021. A similar request in support of Council's position was received by Ms Anna Neesham and Ms Jeanette Neesham on 2 December 2020. Best Hooper for the Applicant has opposed the adjournment request, identifying critical timeframe considerations for this project among other reasons.

The Committee has considered the various positions of the parties including issues of procedural fairness.

The Committee, mindful that its Terms of Reference require the provision of timely advice in support of the Victorian Government's fast track assessment of priority projects identified by the Building Victoria's Recovery Taskforce, proposes to proceed with the Roundtable on the scheduled dates outlined in its letter of 1 December 2020 because:

- Council has established a clear (Council endorsed) position on the proposal as identified in its Council report of 24 August 2020 and identified grounds of non-support
- the position of other parties and the issues in dispute has been clearly identified in the respective Statement of Grounds
- there is a clear planning policy framework in place relevant to this proposal which has been consistently identified by the applicant, Council and other parties
- the Applicant's identified areas of evidence in their review application to VCAT reflect the supporting reports provided with the application. The Committee does not anticipate that any evidence will identify any substantially new material requiring detailed analysis and longer timeframes than those identified
- there is no requirement for Council to provide a Part A submission
- there is no expectation that parties will prepare detailed written submissions for the Roundtable or to call evidence
- evidence will be taken as read with minimal cross-examination
- the purpose of the Roundtable is for the Committee to clearly understand the position of the parties and the proposed Timetable and Roundtable arrangements have been prepared with this in mind.

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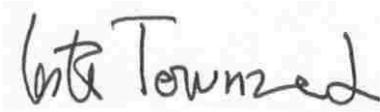
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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lester Townsend". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

**Lester Townsend**

Chair