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As addressed

Dear Party

Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee – Referral No. 7 **Call in of VCAT proceeding P446/2020 – Land at Murray Valley Highway Echuca, Vol 10324 Fol. 986**

The Minister for Planning called in proceeding P446/2020 from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) on 20 December 2020 and referred it to the Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee (Committee) for consideration. The proposed development of the land for a Service Station and internally illuminated Business Identification Signage in the Commercial 2 Zone and Design and Development Overlay Schedule 3, creation of access to a Road in a Road Zone Category 1 pursuant to Clause 52.29 and removal of native vegetation (3 trees) pursuant to Clause 52.17 of the Campaspe Planning Scheme, will now be heard by members of the Committee.

We are writing to you because you are a party to the VCAT proceeding.

The Minister for Planning appointed the Committee under section 151 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Two members of the Committee, Geoff Underwood (Chair) and Geoffrey Carruthers will consider this referral. The matter will be known as Referral No. 7.

The Minister for Planning has provided the Committee with Terms of Reference dated 14 June 2020 and Letter of Referral dated 20 December 2020 (both attached). In accordance with these documents, the purpose of the Committee is to:

- provide timely and independent advice to the Minister for Planning on projects referred by the Building Victoria's Recovery Taskforce (BVRT), and projects affected by COVID-19.
- provide advice and recommendations on whether a planning permit should be issued, and if so, the appropriate permit conditions.

Information about the Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee including its Terms of Reference and Member biographies can be found on the website at:

<https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/panels-and-committees/browse-panels-and-committees/projects/priority-projects-standing-advisory-committee#documents>

Form of engagement

Clause 12 of the Terms of Reference provides:

- 12. The Committee may inform itself in anyway it sees fit, but must consider:*
- a. The referral letter from the Minister for Planning,*
 - b. referred submissions,*

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- c. the comments of any referral authority,
- d. the views of the project proponent,
- e. the views of the relevant Council,
- f. The relevant planning scheme.

Clause 17 allows the Committee to consider matters by conducting discussions, forums, or video conferences. In this instance, the Committee proposes to proceed by way of a roundtable discussion, using video link, on the date and time notified to parties by VCAT on 10 August 2020. That is, **Monday 1 February 2021 commencing at 10.00am**. A link is provided in the table below.

Parties wishing to participate in the roundtable discussion must confirm their intention **by 12.00noon on Friday 22 January 2021** by emailing planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au.

To assist parties, a guide to using MS Teams is available on the [Planning Panels Victoria website](#).

Identification of Parties	Method
<p style="text-align: center;">Shire of Campaspe (Council)</p> <p>Andrew Glenn Beaumont & Others (Applicant for Review)</p> <p>Bentley Property Group (Permit Applicant)</p> <p>Parties to the VCAT appeal</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Roundtable Discussion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Microsoft Teams</p> <p style="text-align: center;">from 10.00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 1 February 2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Join Referral No. 7 Roundtable Discussion</u></p>

Documentation

While the Committee has been provided with the VCAT file (hard copy only), to assist the Committee's work, Council and the Applicant are requested to provide the Committee with electronic copies of all relevant documents and correspondence in relation to the application and the matters before VCAT. Please note that all materials provided will be treated in accordance with the Privacy Collection Notice attached. This may include, but not be limited to:

- Current/revised application and plans
- Council report
- Objections
- Any evidence lodged
- Any other relevant information.

Declaration of past interests

To avoid conflict of interest in this matter, the Chair declares that in 2016, while Managing Director of Spade Consultants Pty Ltd, the company contributed advice on urban economics during the preparation of the Echuca Commercial Strategy by the Campaspe Shire Council. The Chair was not personally involved in the project. Second, in 2017, the Chair submitted a fee proposal to assist a party interested in acquiring part of the subject land which was then offered for sale on the open market. That proposal did not proceed.

The Chair believes there is no conflict and, further, the passage of time separates past events from this matter. If, however, any party has a contrary view, they are invited to convey that to the Chief Panel Member, Ms Kathy Mitchell, by **12noon on Friday 22 January 2021** at planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au.

How will my contact information be used?

We will use your contact address to contact you. We will provide your email or postal address to participants in the Hearing so that they can share reports and submissions unless you tell us otherwise.

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The *Privacy Collection Notice* and other information is attached for your convenience.

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

If you have any queries, please contact Georgia Thomas, Project Officer at Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 8624 5717 or planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Geoff Underwood

Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee

Chair, Referral No. 7

Attachment 1: Terms of Reference, dated 14 June 2020

Attachment 2: Letter of Referral, dated 20 December 2020

Privacy Collection Notice

Natural justice for all participants and transparency are important parts of the Committee process. In meeting its legislative requirements, the Committee may:

- provide a copy of your submission with all contact details to the Proponent, Local Council, Government Agencies and other parties to the Hearing
- provide a copy of your submission to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning if needed for preparing Ministerial briefings
- display a copy of your submission in the Planning Panels Victoria Office or Hearing room.
- display a copy of your submission in the relevant Local Council Office or Regional Government Office as appropriate.

The Committee does not propose to display your full submission on a website unless this is necessary, and you have given your consent. However, your name and other personal information may be published on the internet as detailed below.

Publication of your personal information on the internet

A Committee Report will be published on the internet and may include:

- each submitter's name
- direct quotes from submissions
- submitter addresses, if required.

Please note that even when your personal information is removed from the internet, it may remain on external servers indefinitely.

After the Committee has reported

When the Committee has reported to the Planning Authority, your submission will be removed from public display.

Your original submission and any additional material provided will be held at Planning Panels Victoria for two years and then sent to the Public Record Office Victoria. All additional copies of the submission and other material held by Planning Panels Victoria will be securely destroyed.

If you have any concerns about how your submission will be used, please contact Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 8392 5114.