

Frequently Asked Questions for Councils

What is the Government Land Planning Service?

The Government Land Planning Service (GLPS) is an initiative to deliver changes to planning provisions or correct planning scheme anomalies for land owned, proposed to be owned in the future or to facilitate the delivery of priority projects by the Victorian Government.

Government landowning departments and agencies (the landowner) that require planning scheme changes for their land can apply for assistance through the GLPS. This can include rezoning surplus government land, making changes to overlay or zone provisions for existing sites delivering a government service delivery outcome or determining planning provisions for land proposed to be owned by government in the future.

Who can apply for assistance?

Only the landowner or it's nominated representative can submit an application and supporting documents to the GLPS.

How will the application be assessed?

The GLPS will assess the application and provide a recommendation to the landowning department or agency on the appropriate planning pathway. This will include proposed dates and an estimate of fees associated.

The landowner will then complete an acceptance form and send it back to the GLPS.

Does council need to consult with the landowner?

The landowner should seek the views of the relevant council prior to submitting an application. Landowners may also request a letter of support from council to be provided with an application to the GLPS.

Does council have to support the proposal?

If council does not support the proposal the landowning agency or department can still proceed with an application. Council will have an opportunity to make a submission and / or be heard at the public hearing to enable its views to be heard.

Who will be the planning authority?

The Minister for Planning is the planning authority for changes to the planning provisions for government land that are subject to assistance by the GLPS.

What Planning Stream Pathways exist?

There are three planning stream pathways. Planning Stream A, Stream B and Stream C.

What is Planning Stream A?

Sites considered under Stream A require a planning scheme amendment approved under s20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Outcome: the future zone of a site will be consistent with the use surrounding the site and where zones / overlays are likely to be the same as the surrounding planning provisions.

Timeframe: 4-6 months. These amendments are considered by the Minister for Planning 2-3 times per year.

What is Planning Stream B?

Site considered under Stream B require a planning scheme amendment / permit to be considered by the Government Land Standing Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee).

Outcome: the site is likely to capture a strategic opportunity for enhanced development outcomes, and future planning provisions complement the surrounding area but are not necessarily the same as that surrounding the site.

Timeframe: 6-8 months.

What is Planning Stream C?

Sites considered under Stream C require a standard planning scheme amendment process with either local council or Minister for Planning as the planning authority. Planning provisions are as required / determined.

Timeframe: 12 months on an as needs basis.

What is the composition of the Advisory Committee?

The Advisory Committee is made up of planning and development experts and have an important role in listening and considering the views of interested groups and individuals where changes to planning provisions for government land has been requested.

Member biographies, Terms of Reference, can be found by visiting the Advisory Committee website at <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/panels-and-committees/current-panels/government-land-standing-advisory-committee>.

The following applies for sites being facilitated through Stream B.

How will council be notified of a proposal?

The GLPS will meet with council to outline the proposal, process and timing.

What level of consultation will be undertaken with communities?

The GLPS will notify nearby residents, council, servicing authorities and interested parties who may be affected by a planning provision change for a site and place a notice in local newspapers. The public will have six weeks to make a submission to the Advisory Committee.

How does council decide who should be notified?

- The GLPS will prepare a proposed notification boundary with advice from the landholding agency or department.
- The GLPS will provide this map to council for advice on who should be notified.

What information will council need to provide?

The GLPS will require council to confirm:

- Which local newspaper(s) to place a public notice(s);
- Which residents, servicing authorities and interested parties should be notified; and
- Address details for all owners / occupiers, servicing authorities and interested parties.

How does GLPS manage privacy?

The GLPS will write to council to outline its privacy procedures and obligations under the *Information Privacy Act 2000*.

Any documents with addresses received from council are marked as final and encrypted with passwords.

Further information is available in a Privacy Collection Statement which is listed on the GLPS website.

Will council need to attend the public information session and public hearings?

The landowner and council will be invited to attend both the public information session and public hearing. It is preferable that the landowner and council can attend both the information session and public hearing.

Can council make a submission to the Advisory Committee or request to be heard at the Public Hearing?

Yes, council will be able to make a submission and present at the public hearing.

What fees are payable for assistance with the GLPS?

The landowner will cover all costs associated with the notifications, including newspaper advertisements, and the costs associated with the Advisory Committee which is administered by Planning Panels Victoria.

How will council be notified of the final outcome?

The Minister for Planning will write to council when a decision has been made.

How will the community be notified of the final outcome?

The GLPS will write to individuals who made a submission to the Advisory Committee.

Will the final outcome be publically available?

The Minister for Planning's decision and the Advisory Committee report will be made available on the GLPS website.

How can I find out more information?

Website: www.planning.vic.gov.au
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