

Planning Panels Victoria

Direction for witnesses providing expert evidence through remote conferencing

Declarations are required as standard practice in accordance with the PPV Guide to Expert Evidence (<https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/panels-and-committees/planning-panel-guides>) All witnesses include a response to this in filing their evidence.

As some PPV matters are being held remotely, any person providing expert evidence must table (either verbally or in writing), this Declaration when called to give their evidence in chief:

In giving my evidence, I confirm I:

- *will be alone in the room from which I am giving evidence and will not make or receive any communication with another person while giving my evidence except with the express leave of the Panel;*
- *I will inform the Panel immediately should another person enter the room from which I am giving evidence;*
- *during breaks in evidence, when under cross-examination, I will not discuss my evidence with any other person, except with the leave of the Panel; and*
- *I will not have before me any document, other than my expert witness statement and documents referred to therein, or any other document which the Panel expressly permits me to view.*

Signed by: _____ Date: _____