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## LATEST NEWS

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### VCAT RED DOT DECISION

[Clayton Gardens Pty Ltd v Monash CC \(Red Dot\) \[2019\] VCAT 1138 \(31 July 2019\)](#): An application to develop 15 dwellings on three lots.

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### WELLBEING IN EVERY DECISION CONFERENCE

Wed 28 Aug: [Wellbeing in Every Decision: Planning for a Healthy and Liveable region conference](#)  
If you're a planner, population health professional or have an interest in creating healthy and liveable communities in regional Victoria then this conference is for you!

The aim is to explore how statutory and strategic planning and health professionals can work collaboratively, and how to apply a wellbeing focus across a wide range of strategies and policies in a regional Victorian context. Click [here](#) for more information and to book.

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### BETTER APARTMENTS IN NEIGHBOURHOODS PUBLIC CONSULTATION

DELWP is seeking feedback on the Better Apartments in Neighbourhoods Discussion Paper. The paper proposes changes to the Better Apartments Design Standards, focused on improving the relationship between new apartment developments and the amenity of existing neighbourhoods. Click [here](#) to have your say on changes to the planning rules for apartment developments. Submissions are due by Friday 27 September 2019.

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### VPELA'S EVENTS

Thu 22 Aug: Infrastructure, population, community engagement: Victoria - where to from here?  
VPELA in conjunction with PIA, will host this seminar featuring our special guest speaker Michel Masson, CEO, Infrastructure Victoria. In 2016, Infrastructure Victoria released its 30 year plan for Victoria. It's 2019 and we are 3 years in. No State expenditure regime is going to change without a broad base of support from the State's population, but to that end Infrastructure Victoria has embarked upon an innovative community engagement project designed to assist Victorians to understand the balancing act and the trade offs that will be necessary if we are to remain a State with liveability at its core. For more details and how to book click [here](#)

*Note PIA members can attend at members rates.*

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### VPELA'S STATE PLANNING CONFERENCE 2019 - If I could I would change this...

**Early Bird closes Friday 9 August**

Thu 29 & Fri 30 Aug: This year's Conference will explore how the planning, environment and development sector influences the world around us and what we would, if we could, change. A diverse group of intelligent, leading professionals have been asked to turn their minds to this very task, to identify the pressing areas for change in our cities and regions, and to advance some positive and creative ways in which we can influence our environment and communities. For full details and how to register, download the program and focus session details here [Conference Program, Focus Sessions](#)

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### PIA PLANET

Wed 14 Aug: [Effective Strategic Planning](#) - This module provides a straightforward outline of the steps and skills needed for effective strategic planning and identifies the keys to success and the common failings of strategic plans. Thu 15 Aug: [Using Victoria Planning Provisions](#) - This module provides an overview of elements of the Victoria Planning Provisions and how to use them to construct a planning scheme. Thu 20 Aug: [Writing for VCAT: A skills-based approach to advocating at the Tribunal](#) - In this workshop, our presenter will outline the principles of good drafting and the 'golden rules' of writing for VCAT. Thu 5 Sep: [Managing Development near Landfills and Other Buffers](#) - This course covers the essentials needed to understand the buffer distances for landfills, the role of landfill gas risk assessments, an understanding of the different planning scheme and EPA buffer distances that apply to industry and the consideration of reverse amenity buffers.

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## PIA CPD BEFORE DINNER SERIES

Tue 13 Aug: [Garden Area Requirements](#) - Join us in person or via livestream for a discussion on what's included and excluded in the garden area requirements and learn how these requirements have evolved to shape Victoria's 'garden' planning. Tue 17 Sep: [Planning Enforcement Options and How to Choose Which One to Use](#) – Also available as a livestream and on demand.

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## PIA EVENTS

Fri 11 Oct: [PIA Vic State Planning Symposium](#) - This year's Symposium will be exploring the theme 'Leaving a positive legacy beyond our generation', register now to be part of the conversation.

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## APPROVALS

- [VC159](#) amends the Victoria Planning Provisions and all planning schemes to introduce new land use terms, revise the definition of land use terms and change where land use terms are nested.

## EXHIBITIONS

- [Cardinia C222card](#) proposes to rezone land to allow for the subdivision and development of the land for low density residential purposes.
- [Casey C269case](#) proposes changes to replace an Infrastructure Contributions Plan that applies to land affected by the Minta Farm Precinct Structure Plan.
- [Melton C209melt](#) proposes to correct zoning anomalies across three adjoining parcels within the Melton Planning Scheme.

## PANEL REPORTS

- [Greater Bendigo C226gben](#) Industrial subdivision of the former Rocklea Spinning Mills site at 1A Railway Street and 239 – 249 High Street, Kangaroo Flat.

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