

# Development Facilitation Program

## Planning Scheme Amendment Pathway

This document provides a summary of the Development Facilitation Program (DFP) assessment process for planning scheme amendments under Section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and combined planning scheme amendment and planning permit applications under Section 96A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Planning scheme amendment requests must be submitted through the Development Facilitation Program portal and meet all relevant DFP application requirements.

### Phase one: project selection

Requests are assessed by the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to confirm project eligibility and triage planning and technical issues.

This involves:

- Assessment against the relevant DFP Preliminary Assessment Requirements, confirming alignment with the relevant eligibility criteria and relevant planning policies.
- Engagement with council and relevant government departments and agencies through informal consultation and briefings.

A request for further information may be issued if DTP requires further information to assess the proposal.

DTP will prepare a consolidated assessment and present its recommendation to the Development Facilitation Program Standing Advisory Committee (DFPSAC). The DFPSAC oversees the governance of the program and determines if an application is endorsed for accelerated assessment as a priority project. Alternatively, the DFPSAC may recommend that the project continue through a standard council planning process.

### Phase two: merits assessment

DTP undertake a detailed assessment once a project is endorsed for accelerated assessment as a priority project.

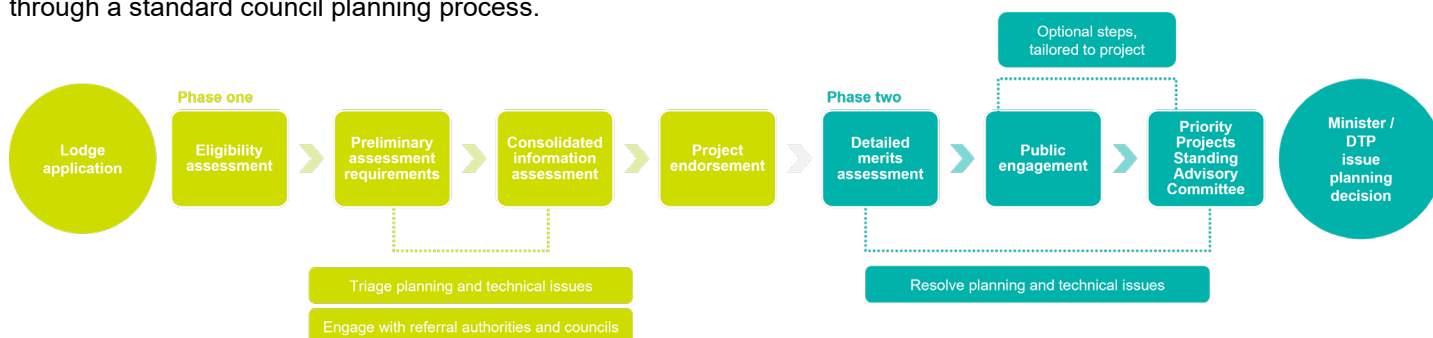
A project may be put on public consultation, including notification to the relevant council, government agencies and bodies, key stakeholders and neighbouring owners and occupiers as required.

The project may be referred to Planning Panels Victoria Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee (PPSAC) to hear submissions and provide independent advice to the Minister for Planning.

DTP prepares a final assessment incorporating the findings of the public consultation and PPSAC recommendations.

A final planning decision is made by the Minister for Planning or delegated to DTP.

The applicant will be immediately notified if the Minister for Planning declines a request for intervention. In this instance, a project may continue through the standard council planning process. There is no review of the Minister's decision.



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