



Planning Panels Victoria

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As addressed

Dear Submitter

Fishermans Bend Standing Advisory Committee

Amendment C164 – 248-254 Normanby Road, South Melbourne (Site 3)

Amendment C165 – 264-270 Normanby Road, South Melbourne (Site 1)

Amendment C166 – 256-262 Normanby Road, South Melbourne (Site 2)

Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19): Potential Impact on Planning Panels

I am writing to you as a party to Amendments to Sites 1, 2, and 3 – Normanby Road that were referred to the Fishermans Bend Standing Advisory Committee by the Minister for Planning.

As outlined in correspondence dated 11 March 2020, the Directions Hearing for all three sites would be held **10.00am, Thursday 2 April 2020**

It is well recognised that Melbourne, Victoria and the world is in the grip of the Coronavirus – a matter to which we are all taking very seriously. Planning Panels Victoria has significant responsibilities in this regard and all existing and new matters have additional directions relating to this.

Please see below additional directions from the SAC in relation to the COVID-19 virus and how it may affect Planning Panels.

Also note when attending the Directions Hearing it will be compulsory for you to sign the attendance Sheet. This is to protect you and the Panel/Advisory Committee in the event that someone in the Hearing room becomes ill during or after the Directions Hearing. It must be completed for all attendees (even the public), every day.

Advice from Health Authorities

1. You should monitor the advice from health authorities on COVID-19 at <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

Scheduled Hearings

2. Please be aware that the Panel may reschedule, postpone or cancel face to face scheduled hearings at short notice if there is a known risk to people attending from COVID-19 or on the advice of Victorian health authorities and the Victorian State Government.
3. Scheduled and new hearings may be arranged through video or phone conference where practicable.

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At the Hearing

4. If you are unwell or showing any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in contact with anyone with COVID-19 then you must not attend the Hearing. Information on symptoms and at-risk travel and contact is available on the DHHS website above.
5. If you cannot attend in person for the reasons above contact planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au to discuss alternative arrangements.
6. If you attend a hearing in person you must fill in the attendance sheet with full contact details in case we need to contact you later in the event of an identified virus threat.
7. Pay close attention to personal hygiene at the hearing including frequent hand-washing, avoiding physical contact with others and making use of hand sanitisers provided.

After the Hearing

8. If you become unwell within 14 days of attending the hearing with symptoms that may indicate you have contracted COVID-19 you should contact your health professional first and then advise the Planning Panels Victoria Business Manager as soon as possible on 8392 5114 or planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au.

If you have any queries, please contact Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 8392 5115 or planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Fishermans Bend Standing Committee