



# Planning Panels Victoria

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As addressed

Dear Submitter,

## **Fishermans Bend Standing Advisory Committee: Amendment C172port - 118 Bertie Street, Port Melbourne – Reconvening the Hearing to hear final submissions on affordable housing**

This letter concerns future steps in the hearing and deliberation process of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) considering Amendment C172port - 118 Bertie Street, Port Melbourne. The SAC has received numerous items of further correspondence as anticipated in the Hearing.

The SAC now refers specifically to the:

- further evidence of Mr Dawson on behalf of the Proponent in response to questions by the SAC;
- further submission provided by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning in respect of Dr Marshall's advice dated 10 March 2020; and
- the letter from Planning and Property Partners dated 10 March 2020 requesting a direction from the SAC to prevent further submissions (presumably in respect of Dr Marshall's advice or Dr Spiller's evidence).

Please note that the response by Dr Spiller in the Hearing for Site 6 in respect of Dr Marshall's evidence was circulated by the SAC to the parties to the current referral as a matter of information only because it concerned the advice of Dr Marshall in the current referral.

The SAC had foreshadowed that it would consider any requests for further submissions or evidence arising from the written advice of Dr Marshall in order to afford natural justice to the parties. It considers that allowing a response from the parties is reasonable in these circumstances.

Since the SAC is prepared to consider this material, it is also appropriate to list this matter for a further confined Hearing as requested by the Proponent to enable it to make submissions in reply.

The reconvened Hearing will be held :

**10.00am, Wednesday 25 March 2020**

**Hearing Room 2, Planning Panels Victoria**

**Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne**

The reconvened Hearing will take up to 3 hours.

### **Parties wishing to be heard at the reconvened Hearing**

Please complete an updated [online Request to be Heard Form](#) by **4.00pm on Monday 16 March 2020** if you wish to be heard at the reconvened Hearing in relation to the provided affordable housing material.

### **Further submissions or evidence**

Any further submissions or evidence proposed to be relied on by the parties at that reconvened Hearing must be circulated to the SAC and parties on the distribution list by no later than **4.00pm on Friday 20 March 2020**.

### **Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)**

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 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 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.

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au).

If you have any queries, please contact Amy Selvaraj, Senior Project Officer at Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 8392 5121 or [planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dalia Cook', written in a cursive style.

**Dalia Cook**

Chair, Fishermans Bend Standing Committee