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23 October 2025

Dear Party

Western Renewables Link Inquiry and Advisory Committee

Updated timetable

Please find attached the Western Renewables Link Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC) Hearing Timetable (version 2).

The timetable has been updated to:

- reflect the indicative order of experts
- add opening statements on Day 1 as provided for in Direction 37
- add the additional experts being called by:
 - AusNet (the Proponent) - aviation from Peter White
 - Hepburn Shire Council - undergrounding from Rod Touzel
- remove the experts that are no longer being called by:
 - Melton City Council - Economics from Bruce Mountain
 - Moorabool Shire Council - Landscape and visual from Darren Atkinson
 - Charleson, Ford, Henderson Drife, May and Bouchier group – Fire risk from Professor Trent Penman
 - Melton Air Services Investments Pty Ltd - Aerodrome Surveying and Obstacle Limitation Surfaces from Bryan Fitzgerald.
- include minor changes to the schedule.

Note the Hearing will now be sitting on **Wednesday 5 November** to hear from the Proponent. This was initially identified as a reserve day. However, **Monday 24 November** has now become a reserve day.

To assist with the efficient running of the hearing:

- Mr Touzel, who is giving evidence on undergrounding for both Hepburn Shire Council and Melton City Council, will only be called once (during Melton's case on Monday 8 December 2025).
- Mr Beever, who is giving agriculture evidence for both Hepburn Shire Council and the City of Ballarat, will only be called once (during Hepburn's case on Wednesday 10 December 2025).

Melton Air Services Investments Pty Ltd has informed the IAC it intends to rely on the evidence of Mr Fitzgerald filed by Melton City Council. It will not be filing separate evidence from Mr Fitzgerald. Mr Fitzgerald will present his evidence in respect of Melton Aerodrome during Melton City Council's case.

We are working on the detailed Timetable for January – March 2026, that will be released in December.

Hearing venues and links

The Hearing will commence at **10:00am on Monday 27 October 2025** in Melbourne.

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The Hearing will be heard in person at the following locations:

Week 1 to week 10 and week 15

Kartsens

Room 1203 and 1204, Level 12, 123 Queen Street, Melbourne

Alternatively, you can join the Hearing online by video using MS Teams at the following link:

[Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Meeting ID: 234 435 523 916 2

Passcode: i6Hu77GY

Week 11 to week 14

Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Conference Centre

Room TBC

613 Main Road, Ballarat

A different MS Teams link will be provided later for the Ballarat portion of the Hearing

The IAC reminds the parties that its preference is for advocates and experts to appear in person, including for cross examination.

Attachment 1 includes more information about the venues and about joining the hearing online.

Online document sharing

As a reminder, parties are required to circulate all material for the Hearing using the document sharing platform (Dropbox), in accordance with Direction 6.

All material to be presented at the Hearing must be circulated via Dropbox **by 12 noon on the business day before the information is due to be presented**. Parties must then email parties on the most recent distribution list advising that the document(s) have been uploaded.

Attachment 1 includes more details and instructions on how to use the Dropbox.

Technical assistance for participants

The Proponent has arranged technical support for participants during the Hearing. If you experience technical issues or need support connecting on MS Teams or assistance with the Dropbox, please call AusNet on 0476 602 235.

Questioning experts

As a reminder, any party wishing to ask questions of experts must advise the IAC by **12 noon on the business day before** the relevant expert is scheduled to present, including how much time you anticipate you will need for each expert, in accordance with Directions 42 - 44.

There are some rules around questioning an expert outlined in Direction 44. A party must:

- be present for the whole of the expert giving their evidence
- try to limit their cross examination to 30 to 45 minutes
- ask clear and relevant questions, directed to matters of fact or professional opinion, that genuinely assist the IAC in understanding the issues
- allow the expert time to explain their answer.

Guide for submitters

The [Your guide to Presenting at an Environment Effects Statement Hearing at Planning Panels Victoria \(version 1 dated March 2025\)](#) provides general information about the Hearings and what to expect.

It has come to the IAC's attention that in the Directions issued on 23 September 2025, the notes of Direction 44 appear to be linked to the old formatting of the above Guide. To avoid any confusion please use the link to the March 2025 guide.

If you have any questions please contact Amy Selvaraj, Manager, Major Projects at PPV on office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au or call [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



Sarah Carlisle
Inquiry and Advisory Committee Chair

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Document share link

Documents in the Dropbox can be viewed or download here:



Week 1

Day 1: Monday 27 October 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Rooms 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		20 mins
10.20am	Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) Impact Assessment Unit represented by Tasha Latham and Rachel Venille – Overview of the EES process		30 mins
10.35am	AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd (AusNet Services; Proponent) represented by Nick Tweedie SC, Marita Foley SC, Alexandra Guild and Sean McArdle of Counsel instructed by White & Case: - Project overview		Day 1 of 15 2 hours
11:30am	Break		15 mins
11.45am	Proponent expert evidence continued		
12:50pm	Lunch break		55 mins
1:45pm	Opening submissions from: - Moorabool Shire Council represented by Louise Hicks of Counsel instructed by Guthrie Legal - Melton City Council represented by James Lofting of Russell Kennedy - City of Ballarat represented by Kristen Richardson of Maddocks		15 mins each
2:30pm	VicGrid represented by Juliet Forsyth SC, Emma Peppler and Georgina Long of counsel instructed by King & Wood Mallesons	434	2 hours
3:30pm	Break		15 mins
4:45pm	Day close		

Tuesday 28 October 2025

Accompanied site inspection

Wednesday 29 October 2025

Accompanied site inspection

Day 2: Thursday 30 October 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
11:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
11.15am	Proponent Opening submission Expert evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Energy policy and the role of Western Renewables Link from Richard Bolt of Richard Bolt Consulting Pty Ltd		Day 2 of 15
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 3: Friday 31 October 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Proponent expert evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Economics from Craig Fenton of PWC- Historic heritage from Martin Zweep of Jacobs		Day 3 of 15
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Week 2

Day 4: Monday 3 November 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Proponent expert evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Aviation from Ian Jennings of Chiron- Aviation from Peter White of Aviation Safeguarding Australia		Day 4 of 15
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 5: Wednesday 5 November 2025

Reserve day

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Proponent expert evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Noise and vibration from Tom Evans of Resonate- Electromagnetic interference (EMI) and electric and magnetic fields (EMF) from Rodney Urban of Jacob		Day 5 of 15
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 6: Thursday 6 November 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Proponent expert evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- landscape and visual from Hayden Burge of Landform Architects and Steve Schutt of Hansen		Day 6 of 15

11:30am	Break	15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break	1 hour
3:15pm	Break	15 mins
4:30pm	Day close	

Day 7: Friday 7 November 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Proponent Landscape and visual evidence continued		Day 7 of 15
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Week 3

Day 8: Monday 10 November 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Proponent expert evidence: - bushfire and fire risk from Mark Potter and Graeme Taylor of Fire Risk Consultants		Day 8 of 15
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 9: Tuesday 11 November 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Proponent expert evidence: - Social from Glenn Weston of Public Place - Wellbeing from Jackie Wright of Enriks <i>Note: if wellbeing evidence is not completed on Day 9 it will continue into Day 10</i>		Day 9 of 15
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 10: Wednesday 12 November 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Proponent expert evidence: - Biodiversity/offset strategy from Brett Lane of Nature Advisory and Andrew Stephens of Jacobs		Day 10 of 15

11:30am	Break	15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break	1 hour
3:15pm	Break	15 mins
4:30pm	Day close	

Day 11: Thursday 13 November 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Proponent biodiversity/offset strategy expert evidence continued		Day 11 of 15
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Week 4

Day 12: Monday 17 November 2025

Reserve day

Note: if the hearing sits, it will need to commence after 1.00pm.

Day 13: Tuesday 18 November 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Proponent expert evidence: - Agriculture and forestry from Shayne Annett of RMCG		Day 12 of 15
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 14: Wednesday 19 November 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Proponent expert evidence: - Traffic and transport from Christina Emmitt of Jacobs		Day 13 of 15
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 15: Thursday 20 November 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Proponent expert evidence: - Land use and planning, Planning Scheme Amendment and		Day 14 of 15

Incorporated document from Rob Milner of Milner Planning
Advisory

11:30am	Break	15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break	1 hour
3:15pm	Break	15 mins
4:30pm	Day close	

Week 5

Day 16: Monday 24 November 2025

Reserve day

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: to be provided

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Proponent expert evidence continued		Day 14 of 15
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 17: Tuesday 25 November 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Proponent closing submissions		Day 15 of 15
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 18: Wednesday 26 November 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Moorabool Shire Council represented by Louise Hicks of Counsel instructed by Guthrie Legal Short verbal submission Expert evidence: - Social from Dr Kate Kerkin of K2 Planning - Landscape and visual from Darren Atkinson of Human Habitats	307	Day 1 of 4
11:30am	Break		15 mins

1:00pm	Lunch break	1 hour
3:15pm	Break	15 mins
4:30pm	Day close	

Day 19: Thursday 27 November 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Moorabool Shire Council expert evidence: - Planning and environmental matters related to bushfire from Professor Michael Buxton of RMIT University and Professor Alan March of the University of Melbourne	307	Day 2 of 4
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Week 6

Day 20: Monday 1 December 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Moorabool Shire Council expert evidence: - Electricity transmission and undergrounding from Les Brand of Amplitude Consultants Pty Ltd	307	Day 3 of 4
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 21: Tuesday 2 December 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Moorabool Shire Council submission	307	Day 4 of 4
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 22: Wednesday 3 December 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Melton City Council represented by James Lofting of Russell Kennedy Short opening submission Expert evidence: - Landscape and visual from Chris Goss of Orbit Solutions - Economics from Bruce Mountain of the Victoria Energy Policy Centre, Victoria University	260	Day 1 of 3
11:30am	Break		15 mins

1:00pm	Lunch break	1 hour
3:15pm	Break	15 mins
4:30pm	Day close	

Day 23: Thursday 4 December 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Melton City Council expert evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Social from Robert Panozzo of ASR Research- Aviation from Bryan Fitzgerald of Airport Surveys Pty Ltd	260	Day 2 of 3
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Week 7

Day 24: Monday 8 December 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Melton City Council and Hepburn Shire Council expert evidence: - Costing and engineering from Rod Touzel of Worley <i>Note Mr Touzel will present his evidence on behalf of both Hepburn Shire Council and Melton Shire Council on this day.</i>	260 448	Day 3 of 3
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
2.00pm	Melton City Council Closing submission	260	
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 25: Tuesday 9 December 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Hepburn Shire Council represented by Greg Tobin and Xander Nguyen Meacham of Harwood Andrews Lawyers. Brief opening comments Expert evidence: - Tourism from Karl Flowers of Decisive Consulting Pty Ltd - Landscape and visual from Brendan Papworth of Papworth Design - Costing and engineering from Rod Touzel of Worley <i>Note Mr Touzel will present his evidence on behalf of both Hepburn Shire Council and Melton Shire Council on Monday 8 December.</i>	448	Day 1 of 2
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 26: Wednesday 10 December 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Hepburn Shire Council and City of Ballarat expert evidence: - Agriculture from Gavin Beever of Cumbre Consultants <i>Note Mr Beever will present his evidence on behalf of both Hepburn Shire Council and City of Ballarat on this day.</i>	448 254	Day 2 of 2
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
2.00pm	Hepburn Shire Council Submission	448	
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 27: Thursday 11 December 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	City of Ballarat represented by Kirsten Richardson of Maddocks Submissions <i>Note Mr Beever will present his evidence on behalf of the City of Ballarat and Hepburn Shire Council on Wednesday 10 December.</i>	254	4 hours
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3.30pm	Break		15 mins
3.45pm	Pyrenees Shire Council represented by Rachel Blackwell (online)	217	1 hour
4:45pm	Day close		

Week 8

Day 28: Monday 15 December 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Charleson, Ford, Henderson Drife, May and Bouchier represented by Ian Munt of Counsel instructed by Rennick & Gaynor calling the following expert evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic impacts from Andrew Perkins of Hall Chadwick - Heritage from Christopher Clark of Latitude Heritage (on the considerations present on Mr May's property) - Fire risk from Professor Trent Penman of TBC 	44, 45, 476, 468, 479, 487, 498, 345, 433	1.5 days
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 29: Tuesday 16 December 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Charleson, Ford, Henderson Drife, May and Bouchier continued Submissions from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John and Billie Henderson-Drife 	498	1 hour
11:30am	Break		15 mins
11.45am	Charleson, Ford, Henderson Drife, May and Bouchier continued		
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
2.00pm	Melton Air Services Investments Pty Ltd represented by Nick Humphrey, Gerry Tzortzatos and Angela Lane of Norton White Opening Submissions Expert evidence: Aerodrome Surveying and Obstacle Limitation Surfaces (OLS) from Bryan Fitzgerald of Airport Surveys Pty Ltd <i>Note Melton Air Services has informed the IAC it intends to rely upon the evidence of Mr Fitzgerald filed by Melton City Council</i>	456	1.5 days
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 30: Wednesday 17 December 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Melton Air Services Investments Pty Ltd expert evidence: - Aviation Safety and Aerodrome Operations from Daniel O’Donnell of Sequoia Aviation Pty Ltd - Aviation Safety and Risk Assessment from Julian Fraiser of Australian Helicopter Industry Association	456	
11:30am	Break		15 mins
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
3:15pm	Break		15 mins
4:30pm	Day close		

Day 31: Thursday 18 December 2025

Venue: Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

Online link: [Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Time	Party	Sub No	Allocated
10:00am	Preliminary matters		15 mins
10.15am	Department of Transport and Planning on behalf of Head Transport for Victoria (DTP Transport) represented by Jozef Vass	449	1 hour
11:15am	Break		15 mins
11.30am	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) represented by Meg Lee and Sal Lennon of Hall and Wilcox	471	2 hours
1:00pm	Lunch break		1 hour
2.00pm	DEECA continued		
2.30pm	Northern Grampians Shire Council represented by Sarah Kernohan	145	30 mins
3.00pm	Break		15 mins
3.15pm	Country Fire Authority (CFA) represented by Andrew Andreou	145	1 hour
4:15pm	Day close		

Hearing Timetable Notes:

1. If you are unable to be present at your scheduled time, please contact Planning Panels Victoria on office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au as soon as possible.
2. Please be present or online at least 15 minutes before your scheduled start time.
3. The IAC may amend a Party’s start time without notice, however you will be contacted in advance if you are to be rescheduled to a different day.

4. Time is allocated for morning and afternoon breaks each day. Break times will be taken at appropriate points in the proceedings, and break times in the timetable are indicative only.
5. If you have any questions about the timetable, please contact Planning Panels Victoria on office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au.

Timetable

Western Renewables Link Inquiry and Advisory Committee

Weeks 9 – 15

W		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9		Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne) Online link: Join the Melbourne Hearing online here				
		19 January 2026	20	21	22	23
	am		- Victorian Farmers Federation	Kingston and District Power Alliance Inc (KDPA)		- Southern Wimmera Renewables Research Association & Wallaloo and Gre Gre District Alliance
	pm		- Save Our Surroundings Riverina (<i>online</i>)			- Western Victorian Community Alliance (WVCA)
10		Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne) Online link: Join the Melbourne Hearing online here				
		26 January	27	28	29	30
	am	Australia Day	Room 1 - Central Highlands Historical Association (<i>online</i>) - Moorabbin Airport Chamber of Commerce Inc - Australian Helicopter Industry Association - Antique Aeroplane Association of Australia Inc. - DeCarbonate Energy Pty Ltd (<i>online</i>) - SERGI Transformer Protector - Friends of the Koalas Inc. - Kingston Agricultural Society	Room 2 - Roger McKay - Mount Souvenir Pty Ltd - Travis Beer - Adrian Lane - Stevan Banjanin - Robyn Muir (<i>online</i>) - Ian Douglas Binks, Marian Doreen Lawrence - Robert Conroy (<i>online</i>) - Roger Lowery - Loretta M Toohey - Daniel Patrick Toohey - Gerald Daniel Toohey - Celeste - Luke Phillips	- Steve Harper	- Steve Harper
pm				- MacRest Pty Ltd, MacBare Pty Ltd and MacPrime Holdings Pty Ltd		

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W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Toolern Vale Landcare Group - Bald Hills-Creswick Landcare Group - Melton Phoenix FC Inc (<i>online</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alexander Cran Reith (<i>online</i>) - Marlon Alberto (<i>online</i>) 		
	Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Conference Centre (613 Main Road, Ballarat)				
	2 February	3	4 – Closed Session	5 – Closed Session	6
11	am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Destination Central Victoria - Kingston, Friends of the Avenue Inc. - Julie Baulch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ballarat Group of Fire Brigades - Peter Godfrey - Matthew Kerr 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submitter 165 - Submitter 533 - Submitter 278 - Submitter 280 (<i>online</i>) - Submitter 353 	Registered Aboriginal Parties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (DJAARA) - Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (WTOAC) - Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BGLC)
	pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coimadai Avenue of Honour Restoration Association Inc - Ken McDonald - Blampied Kooroocheang Landcare Group - Darley Power Fight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evan Reeve 		
	Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Conference Centre (613 Main Road, Ballarat)				
	9	10	11	12	13
12	am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nathan Lidgett 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nathan Lidgett - Dr Joanna Lidgett 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Darren Edwards - Julie Edwards - Steve White 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frank Kiss - Barunah Park Geelong Pty Ltd
	pm		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Julie Lidgett - Camerons Road group (Submitters 168, 205, 207, 235, 250, 306, 411 and 412) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Randall P D Cape
	Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Conference Centre (613 Main Road, Ballarat)				
	16	17	18	19	20
13	am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holly Masterson Harper - Emma Stott (<i>online</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin Conroy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kain Richardson - Meg Richardson - Leonie Rousch - Maxine Rousch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bryony Fitzgerald - Lisa Gervasoni - Trace Williams - Paul McGoldrick
	pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Craig Woods - Shane Jenkins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sandra Attard - Ian (submitter 484) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nick Rousch - Suzanne Prendergast 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jennifer Blackett-Smith - Lachlan Andrews and Camille Davey

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W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
			- Kieran Prendergast - Leigh Morrish			
	Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Conference Centre (613 Main Road, Ballarat)					
	23	24	25	26	27	
	am - Darcy Gervasoni - Brett Gervasoni	- Katherine and Ben Myers	Room 1 - Sharon Bear - Neil Dart - Greg May - Doug May - Surinder Jan Alles - Mac Charleson - Ned Charleson - Poppy Charleson - Andrew Cross - David and Alison Myers; Tourello Pastoral Company; Bradenthorpe Pty Ltd - Shaun Cleary - Rachel Jelley <i>(online)</i>	Room 2 - Val Lysenko - Richard Warren - Terence H Fogarty <i>(online)</i> - Michelle and Frank Schipano - Ralf Schumann - Scott Morton - Margaret Wood - Peter and Sue Robson - Grant Harrison - Elaine Charlesworth - Robyn G Russell <i>(online)</i> - Leanne Lukies - Peter Lukies - James Lukies - Andrew Neal - Elyse Hocking - Michael Koutsofta - Gordon Family Partnership - Heather Gordon, Jock Gordon, Kate Gordon and Victoria Gordon	Room 1 - Ian Lewis <i>(online)</i> - Anne Boundy <i>(online)</i> - Larissa Koroznikova - James Stewart - Natalie Koroznikova - Brenda Clarke - Dianne Cabrie <i>(online)</i> - Edwina Johnston <i>(online)</i> - Michael Whitty <i>(online)</i> - Anthony Briody - Rebecca O'Callaghan - Gillian Carron - David Kaiser - Marta Czosnowski - Jayne Duggan - Terry Weatherley - Rod Reading - Aidan Morrison <i>(online)</i>	Room 2 - George & Marissa Portelli - Emma Schlieff - Joanne Farrugia - Rod Phillips - Daniel Dalton - Steven Clark <i>(online)</i> - Dr Lynsey Etheridge - Deborah Denning - Peter Lynch - Morgan Eastwood - Susanne Perera <i>(online)</i> - Hayley Plageman - Tanya Lauder
14	pm - Debbie Gervasoni - Lisa Gervasoni - Bryony Fitzgerald	- Sara Kinnersly				

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W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			(online) - Paul Carroll (online) - Anne Wilson (online)		
15	Kartsens, Level 12, Room 1203 and 1204 (123 Queen Street, Melbourne) or PPV Hearing Rooms				
	2 March	3	4	5	6
	am - Donald Pollock - Gerald Anthony Conroy - Jim Phasey	- J Finneran - Vicki Johnson	Council closings (if required)	Proponent closings	
pm - Aileen Toohey - Emma and Peter Muir - Jennifer Anne Morrison (online)	- Penny Swain - K (submitter 331) (online)				

Hearing Timetable Notes:

1. If you are unable to be present at your scheduled time, please contact Planning Panels Victoria on office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au as soon as possible.
2. Please be present or online at least 15 minutes before your scheduled start time.
3. The IAC may amend a Party's start time without notice, however you will be contacted in advance if you are to be rescheduled to a different day.
4. Time is allocated for morning and afternoon breaks each day. Break times will be taken at appropriate points in the proceedings, and break times in the timetable are indicative only.
5. If you have any questions about the timetable, please contact Planning Panels Victoria on office@planningpanels.vic.gov.au.

Attending the Hearing in person

Kartsens Conference Centre, Level 12 Room 1204 and 1204, 123 Queen Street, Melbourne (Weeks 1 – 10 and possibly week 15)

Kartsens is located at 123 Queens Street, Melbourne. It is positioned between tram stops on Collins or Bourke Street. The venue is an approximate 10-minute walk from Flinders Street and Southern Cross Train Stations. More information can be found on the PTV website: <https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/>. There are paid car parking buildings and on street parking available around the venue.

Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Conference Centre, 613 Main Road, Ballarat (Weeks 11 – 14)

The Mercure Ballarat Hotel is about a 30 to 40 minute walk (3.2 km) from Ballarat Train Station, though by Bus (route 21) it takes only 12–13 minutes (alighting at Burdeu St / Main Rd) to reach the hotel. More information can be found on the PTV website: <https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/>. The venue offers free self-parking on site on a first come first served basis.

Joining the Hearing by MS Teams

Kartsens Conference Centre, Melbourne (Weeks 1 – 10 and possibly week 15)

Parties and interested observers can access the Hearing using the following link and details below:

[Join the Melbourne Hearing online here](#)

Meeting ID: 234 435 523 916 2

Passcode: i6Hu77GY

Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Conference Centre (Weeks 11 – 14)

A different MS Teams link will be provided later for the Ballarat portion of the Hearing

Information for online participants

The following information is provided for those intending to observe or participate in the Hearing online.

If you are intending to speak at the Hearing, please provide your first name and last name when you log in, so the IAC can easily identify you. If you are representing an organisation, include the organisation name after your name – for example, “Sarah Carlisle, Chair of the IAC”.

Please use the ‘raise your hand’ button to get the Committee’s attention. The Chair will call your name when it is your time to speak. Please take yourself off ‘mute’ and turn on your camera before speaking.

Observers should keep their camera and microphone off throughout the Hearing.

Joining the Hearing by telephone (audio only)

If you do not have access to a computer or mobile device or you cannot connect to a network suitable for video conferencing, you can join and participate in the Hearing by telephone.

To dial into the Hearing that is being held at Kartsens in Melbourne by phone, call +61 2 8318 0102, and enter phone conference ID 537 888 706#.

Technical support

AusNet has arranged technical support for participants during the Hearing. If you experience technical issues or need support connecting on MS Teams or assistance with the Dropbox, please call AusNet on 0476 602 235.

[Your guide to using Microsoft Teams at Planning Panels Victoria](#) contains more detailed information on how to join, and what to do during the Directions Hearing.

Document sharing platform (Dropbox)

The Proponent has set up a document sharing platform on Dropbox. You do not need a Dropbox account to upload, view or download the documents.

Parties can upload documents to the Dropbox at this link:

[REDACTED]

Parties can view or download documents that have been uploaded at this link:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Parties must present material at the hearing electronically. All documents and information you intend to present to the IAC at the Hearing must be circulated by uploading it to the Dropbox **by 12 noon on the business day before the information is due to be presented**. Parties must then email parties on the most recent distribution list advising that the document(s) have been uploaded.

The instructions for using Dropbox document sharing platform (including how to view and upload documents) were circulated to all parties on Thursday 2 October 2025 (Documents 64 and [D65a](#) and [65b](#)).

The IAC's Direction 7 outlines the requirements that documents must meet.