

Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017

Direction to the Victorian Planning Authority

I, Richard Wynne MP, Minister for Planning, give the following direction to the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) under section 36(1) of the *Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017*.

The previous direction dated 7 July 2017 to the VPA under section 36(1) of the *Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017* is revoked.

Priorities

1. This direction provides the strategic overview of the projects that are to be included in the work program for the VPA. The work program will include the following components:
 - a. this direction
 - b. projects proposed to be undertaken in 2018-19 financial year (**Attachment A**) and
 - c. any new project that may be approved by me or my delegate during the financial year.
2. Major project priorities for the VPA in 2018-19 are:
 - a. Delivering on the implementation plans for the actions assigned to the VPA in *Plan Melbourne 2017-2050* and *Homes for Victorians* working closely with Department of Planning, Environment, Land and Planning (DELWP) Planning Group
 - b. Actively supporting the delivery of Plan Melbourne Actions where the VPA has been assigned as an implementation partner by participating and supporting the achievement of these actions in line with the approved project scope and plan.
 - c. Further support the implementation of *Plan Melbourne 2017-2050* by assisting and participating in relevant activities related to those actions where the VPA is an implementation partner
 - d. Working closely with the Office of Suburban Development on the 5 year Jobs, Services and Infrastructure Plans.
 - e. Providing more information to key government departments and agencies to enable better infrastructure coordination to help implement plans such as Precinct Structure Plans (PSPs).

Roles of the VPA

3. I have authorised the VPA to be planning authority to prepare amendments pursuant to section 9 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* within growth areas and in other designated areas. I now authorise the VPA to be planning authority to prepare amendments in relation to projects/areas so designated in this direction. The projects to which I have given the VPA this authorisation are listed in **Attachment A**; the VPA's role is recorded as *Authority* against each of those projects. This authorisation only operates in respect of amendments that implement a Structure Plan, and Infrastructure Contributions Plan or a Development Contributions Plan, and in preparing the amendment the VPA must consult with:
 - a. the Minister for Planning
 - b. the relevant Council
 - c. the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and
 - d. any other public sector body if the amendment is likely to significantly affect the functions of the public sector body.
4. I have issued *Ministerial Direction No. 18 (Victorian Planning Authority Advice on Planning Scheme Amendments)* on 28 January 2018 to provide greater certainty about the VPA's role when it is not the planning authority but is providing advice and/or preparing documentation for councils. The Ministerial Direction is a strong reflection of the VPA's status as the State Government's strategic spatial planning agency, and of the VPA's commitment to working with councils across the state to drive spatial planning solutions.
5. I have approved the VPA to provide advice and assistance to councils and public sector bodies under section 8(3) of the *Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017*. I also approve, under section 33(1) of the *Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017* that the VPA may request certain information from councils by written notice in relation to all projects designated in this direction.

6. Consistent with this and dependent upon the individual assignment, and unless otherwise stated, I have allocated the VPA responsibility for an authorised activity to one of the four roles outlined below:

ROLE	DESCRIPTION
AUTHORITY	Where the VPA is the appointed <i>Planning Authority</i> with the mandate to lead the project and deliver outcome (including recommending a Planning Scheme amendment to the Minister) in partnership with the relevant Council(s) and government agencies.
PROVIDER	Where the local Council or Minister is the <i>Planning Authority</i> and the VPA has the lead role to prepare a plan or other report, working in partnership with the relevant Council(s) and government agencies, which the VPA then submits to the <i>Planning Authority</i> for them to progress through the statutory process.
ADVISOR	Provide advice, finance and technical advice and support in relation to a plan being prepared by a Council or government agency. The VPA advises and influences, but does not determine the content.
FACILITATOR	VPA assists a Council or government agency with their work, providing a grant or general advice about how planning policies need to be considered. May involve participation in a Steering Committee or Project Group.

Accountability and Transparency

7. The Authority will ensure accountability and transparency through:
- Ensuring that information regarding the operations and performance of the VPA is available to the public and industry through maintaining an operational website
 - Publishing documentation on the website including this direction (including the listing of approved projects contained in **Attachment A**)
 - Publishing information about progress in delivering these projects and their key milestones
 - Ensuring all projects are subject to appropriate public consultation whether it be formal exhibition or other appropriate approach and
 - Demonstrating the execution of this direction through quarterly reporting to me, including reporting on progress in delivering projects, on the use of delegations under the *Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017* and the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, and in accordance with legislative requirements.

Implementation of Annual Business Plan 2018–2019

8. To support the implementation of its Annual Business Plan 2018-19, the VPA must publish its work plan on its website within one month of receiving this direction, including an estimate of the commencement and completion date for each project listed in the plan.

HON RICHARD WYNNE MP
Minister for Planning

3/9 / 2018

Projects to be progressed by the Victorian Planning Authority in 2018-19

This attachment lists the Victorian Planning Authority's priority projects for 2018-19. It sets out the projects that are specific to particular sites or areas in **Section 1** of Attachment A and lists other planning activities in **Section 2** of Attachment A.

1. Section 1. Spatial Planning Projects

The Victorian Planning Authority will prioritise the following projects for 2018-19. There are some additional projects the Victorian Planning Authority may undertake on a cost recovery basis for other government agencies.

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT SITES	Municipality	Role
Continuing Framework plans		
Monash NEIC Framework Plan	Dandenong, Monash, Kingston	Provider
La Trobe NEIC Framework Plan	Banyule, Darebin	Provider
Sunshine NEIC Framework Plan	Brimbank	Provider
Parkville NEIC Framework Plan	Melbourne	Provider
Central City Framework Plan	Melbourne, Yarra, Port Phillip	Provider
Richmond to Docklands Corridor Framework Plan	Melbourne, Yarra	Provider
Projects underway		
Defence Site Maribyrnong Structure Plan and ICP	Maribyrnong	Provider
Arden Structure Plan and ICP	Melbourne	Provider
Clayton Business Park CDP	Kingston	Provider
PMP Printing Site CDP	Monash	Advisor
Heidelberg Station Precinct Urban Design Framework & PSA	Banyule	Provider
Caulfield Station Structure Plan	Glen Eira	Provider
East Bentleigh Village CDP and ICP or DCP	Glen Eira	Provider
Lilydale Quarry CDP and ICP or DCP	Yarra Ranges	Advisor
Sunshine Health, Wellbeing & Educational Precinct	Brimbank	Provider
Preston Market -Review of Planning Controls	Darebin	Authority
New strategic metropolitan projects		
Sandown Park CDP & ICP	Greater Dandenong	Advisor
Cremorne Urban Development Framework and ICP	Yarra	Provider
Wantirna Health & Education Precinct CDP	Knox	Authority*
North Meadows CDP	Hume	Provider
Brooklyn Business Park CDP	Maribyrnong, Hobsons Bay	Authority

Notes:

- * Role to be agreed with Council.
- The Victorian Planning Authority will also bring the current projects for Josephs Road DCP, Macaulay ICP or DCP, Altona North DCP and Berwick Health and Education Precinct to conclusion.
- The Victorian Planning Authority is also Facilitator or Advisor for a number of *Streamlining for Growth* projects managed by Metropolitan Councils

METROPOLITAN GREENFIELDS PSPs	Municipality	Role
<i>Remainder of current 100,000 lot program #</i>		
Beveridge Central	Mitchell	Authority
Sunbury South	Hume	Authority
Lancefield Road	Hume	Authority
Cardinia Creek South	Casey	Authority
Lindum Vale	Hume	Authority
Minta Farm	Casey	Authority
Pakenham East	Cardinia	Authority
<i>Projects Underway (beyond 100,000 lots)##</i>		<i>Role</i>
Beveridge North West PSP & ICP	Mitchell	Authority
Craigieburn West PSP & ICP	Hume	Authority
Quandong PSP & ICP	Wyndham	Advisor
Kororoit Part 2 PSP & ICP	Melton	Authority
Officer Town Centre PSP Review	Cardinia	Authority
Werribee Junction PSP & ICP	Wyndham	Authority
Shenstone Park PSP & ICP	Whittlesea	Authority*
<i>New greenfields precinct plans</i>		
Wallan South PSP and Wallan East PSP###	Mitchell	Authority
Croskell (Casey Central) PSP	Casey	Authority
Aviators Field PSP	Wyndham	Authority
Merrifield North Employment PSP & ICP	Hume/Mitchell	Authority
Officer South Employment PSP & ICP	Cardinia	Authority
Casey Fields South PSP & ICP	Casey	Authority

Notes:

* Role to be agreed with Council.

Subject to the Panel stage, these are expected to be mostly complete by December 2018.

The Victorian Planning Authority VPA is also completing its earlier Jacksons Hill assignment and revised ICPs for Mt Atkinson, Tarneit Plains, Donnybrook, Woodstock, Kororoit Part 1, and Plumpton.

The overall Plan is to be prepared, which will include a first stage of approximately 3,000 lots around the existing township.

REGIONAL CITIES AND TOWNS	Municipality	Role
Projects already commenced		
Shepparton – Mooroopna Regional City Framework Plan <i>plus</i> North East PSP & DCP and South East PSP & DCP	Greater Shepparton	Authority
Warrnambool East PSP	Warrnambool	Provider
Echuca West PSP	Campaspe	Provider
Horsham South PSP	Horsham	Provider
Portland Structure (<i>Framework Plan</i>)	Glenelg	Provider
Unblocking Infrastructure Barriers in the Latrobe Valley	Latrobe	Provider
Bacchus Marsh Framework Plan	Moorabool	Provider
Wonthaggi North East PSP	Bass Coast	Provider
New projects		
Ballarat Long Term Growth Options (<i>Framework Plan</i>)	Ballarat	Advisor
Bakery Hill PSP & ICP or DCP	Ballarat	Provider
Ballarat Saleyards PSP and ICP or DCP	Ballarat	Provider
Bendigo West Framework Plan (Inc. Marong Township/ Maiden Gully Nth – PSP and ICP or DCP)	Greater Bendigo	Provider
Golden Square Revitalisation Plan	Greater Bendigo	Provider
Industrial land review	Greater Bendigo	Advisor
Northern & Western Geelong Framework Plans	Greater Geelong	Advisor
Precinct in Northern Geelong Growth Area– PSP and ICP or DCP	Greater Geelong	Advisor
Precinct in Western Geelong Growth Area – PSP and ICP or DCP	Greater Geelong	Advisor
Bannockburn PSP and ICP or DCP	Golden Plains	Provider
Merrimu PSP and ICP or DCP	Moorabool	Authority
Parwan Employment PSP and ICP or DCP	Moorabool	Authority
Ararat in transition & ICP or DCP	Ararat	Facilitator
Traralgon South East PSP and ICP or DCP	Latrobe	Provider
Macedon Ranges Growth Management Planning#	Macedon Ranges	Advisor
Seymour Urban Renewal Precinct	Mitchell	Facilitator
Great Ocean Road development planning	Five Councils	Advisor

Notes:

Includes Gisborne, Romsey and Riddells Creek

The Victorian Planning Authority also to finalise Wodonga McKoy Street Innovation Precinct Master Plan, Leneva- Baranduda PSP, Mildura South Activity Centre Master Plan, Gisborne Structure (Framework Plan) Plan

The Victorian Planning Authority is also Facilitator or Advisor for *Streamlining for Growth* projects managed by Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Benalla, Campaspe, Glenelg, Mansfield, Moira, Moyne, Southern Grampians, Warrnambool, Wellington and Wodonga Councils.

Section 2. Other Planning Activities

The Victorian Planning Authority is also progressing a number of planning related activities not all of which are focused on producing spatial plans.

Homes for Victorians

The Victorian Planning Authority will complete its work on the precinct structure plans (PSP) listed above as part of the 100,000 lots by December 2018 to meet the agreed milestones for *Homes for Victorians* initiative 2.3 - Land supply in Melbourne's growth corridors (100,000 extra lots).

The Victorian Planning Authority will deliver the *Streamlining for Growth* metropolitan initiatives in accordance with the annual program establishment report for initiative 2.5 in *Homes for Victorians*- Speeding up local government decisions and complete *Streamlining for Growth* greenfield and established areas projects funded in 2017-18 and 2018-19. Similarly, the Victorian Planning Authority will deliver the *Streamlining for Growth* regional initiative, including progressing regional projects arising from the Regional Partnership process as approved by the Minister for Planning.

Plan Melbourne

Continue with progressing the delivery, in accordance with the approved project plan, the 11 Plan Melbourne implementation actions where the Victorian Planning Authority is the designated lead or joint lead agency. These are:

Action	Description	Timeframe
3	Central city urban renewal precincts	S-M
4	Land-use and infrastructure plans for the national employment and innovation clusters	M
6	Health and education precincts	S-M
13	Employment opportunities in growth areas	S
16	Urban renewal pipeline of projects across Melbourne	S
20	Precinct Structure Planning Guidelines	S
21	A clear sequence for growth area development	S
78	Not-for-profit community service providers	S
102	Growth frameworks for regional cities	M
103	Peri-urban town strategies	M
109	Infrastructure contributions for strategic development areas	S

Continue to contribute as resources permit to the 37 Plan Melbourne implementation actions where the Victorian Planning Authority is a designated partner:

Plan Melbourne Action	Action name	Timeframe
2	Central City planning	S
5	Business investment strategies for NEICs	M
7	Tertiary education opportunities in the west	M
8	Significant industrial precincts	S
9	Planning for activity centres	M
10	Activity centre performance review	M
11	Guidelines on new activity centres	M
12	Planning for future employment growth	M
15	Review planning for telecommunications infrastructure	M
19	Metropolitan regional housing plans to guide housing growth	S
22	Fishermans Bend as Australia's largest urban renewal area	S
39	Integrated transport planning	S-M
52	Community participation in planning	S
53	Place-making for public places	M
54	Exemplary design outcomes from city-shaping infrastructure projects	M
55	Excellence in built environment design	Ongoing
58	Data and design technology	S
60	Improved streetscapes	S
63	Waterway corridor master plans	M
66	Sporting facilities	M
67	Golf statewide facilities plan	S
70	Recognition and protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage values	S
71	Actively involve Aboriginal people in cultural heritage management	Ongoing
75	Whole-of-government approach to 20-minute neighbourhoods	S
76	Metropolitan-wide 'neighbourhoods index'	M
77	Neighbourhood health and community wellbeing precincts and education services	S
85	Improvement of natural-hazard, climate change and environmental adaptation and risk-mitigation strategies in the Victoria Planning Provisions	S
86	Whole-of-settlement adaptation and risk-mitigation strategies	M
89	Integrated water management planning	S
90	Protecting water and sewerage infrastructure	M
91	Whole-of-government approach to cooling and greening Melbourne	S-M
98	Review and update guidelines for separation distances for sensitive uses	M
99	Forward planning for waste and resource recovery infrastructure	S
101	Waste collection and resource recovery for medium- and high-density development	S
108	Review of infrastructure funding	S
110	Value capture and creation opportunities	S
111	Future population scenarios	S

Responsible Authority Role

Consistent with the current delegations from the Minister for Planning, the Victorian Planning Authority will continue to carry out the role of responsible authority for:

- Specified planning permit decisions in East Werribee Employment Precinct
- Collection of section 173 funds in specified situations for land within the Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area

Infrastructure Coordination and Growth Area Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC)

The Victorian Planning Authority has responsibility in relation to the spatial planning for infrastructure provision, including:

- Providing advice to Government in relation to planning for the provision of government infrastructure that serves (or is required to serve) development being planned
- Collating and maintaining general information in relation to infrastructure provision
- Monitoring and evaluation of outcomes against spatial plans
- Ensuring that where appropriate each planning project is accompanied by an Infrastructure Contributions Plan (ICP) or other infrastructure funding framework to contribute towards funding local and (as relevant) State infrastructure on both a PSP-wide and corridor-wide basis.

Under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the Minister's delegations to the Victorian Planning Authority, the Authority carries out a number of specific functions in relation to the administration of GAIC. These include:

- Negotiating and implementing GAIC Work-in-Kind Agreements to secure greater confidence about early delivery of key infrastructure
- Processing GAIC Staged Payment Arrangements
- Providing secretarial support to the GAIC Hardship Relief Board
- Maintaining the data base of the land area to which GAIC applies and keeping the State Revenue Office informed on any changes.

Government Policy Development

The Victorian Planning Authority has a key role to lead across Government in areas where it has the spatial planning expertise. As resources permit, the Victorian Planning Authority will contribute to the development of whole of Government policies that relates to its spatial planning remit. This is in accordance with the joined up approach to Government initiative.