

MINUTES OF MEETING

3.00pm Monday 6 June 2022

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY, WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Brett Steiner (interim Chair)	Manager, Strategic Planning
Paul Bennett	Director, Growth Management
Margaret Smith	Director, State Assessment
Ameya Sawant	Director, PlanSA
Troy Fountain	Manager, Commission Assessment
Julie Vanco	Metropolitan Council
Hannah Bateman	Metropolitan Council
Andy Humphries	Metropolitan Council
Rick Hutchins	Metropolitan Council
Gary Mavrinac	Regional Council
Deryn Atkinson	Regional Council
Zoe Garnaut	Private Sector
David Barone	Private Sector
Elinor Walker	State Planning Commission Representative
Stephen Smith	Local Government Association Representative
Gavin Leydon	Planning Institute of Australia Representative
Kayla Gaskin-Harvey	Urban Development Institute of Australia Representative
Nicolette Di Lernia	Australian Institute of Architects Representative

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Jaclyn Symons	Governance Officer
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INVITED ATTENDEES

Jason Bailey	Manager, Planning and Design Code
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The Chair acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which they meet, and paid respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

The Chair welcomed all in attendance.

Apologies: Louise Frazer-Walmsley, Regional Council

Chris Wiltshire, Housing Industry Association Representative
Daniel Gannon, Property Council of Australia Representative
Andrew Cronin, Master Builders Australia Representative

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

Nil.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Heads of Planning Reference Group noted the minutes of the 5 April 2022 meeting.

4. CURRENT BUSINESS

4.1 Terms of Reference

The Chair advised the group of the changes to the Terms of Reference, namely, an update to the membership section.

The Heads of Planning Reference Group noted the updated Terms of Reference.

4.2 Concurrent Code Amendment and Development Application process

Kayla Gaskin-Harvey addressed the group and spoke about the possibility of creating a concurrent Code Amendment and Development Application process.

Kayla sought feedback from the group about whether they would advocate for a singular process, rather than the two decision making processes that exist currently, noting that a concurrent process exists in the Northern Territory.

The group was asked whether they had any questions or feedback, including any situations they may have encountered.

Discussion involved:

- the process in Victoria;
- the significant legislative amendments that would be involved in introducing a concurrent process;
- policy context, including the 'certainty' reason;
- broad transparency concerns; and
- the possible dissolution of council decision making.

Mixed views were expressed by the group and no consensus was achieved regarding advocating for a singular process.

The Heads of Planning Reference Group noted the supporting report.

4.3 State Planning Commission and Chief Executive-led Code Amendment Scheduling

Jason Bailey addressed the group.

Jason advised that his team are currently in the process of publishing the SPC and CE-led code amendment schedule to the public and that the minister has been provided the schedule. It was noted that there is a possibility that the schedule may still need to be

changed to take on any new initiatives, and in the event of any possible adjustments to priorities. If this occurs, the schedule will be re-published.

The Chair asked if there were any questions from the group. Questions included:

- current timeframes of the code amendments and their consultation period; and
- local government elections and caretaker period, including whether councils can respond to consultations within this period.

The Heads of Planning Reference Group noted the supporting report.

4.4 PlanSA Enhancements Road Map

Ameya Sawant addressed the group and provided a PlanSA update, including the upcoming workshops and in-progress key projects.

Ameya also spoke about what is currently planned for quarter three. This includes:

- code amendment notification solution;
- KPI Dashboard on the PlanSA portal;
- fast track development application process;
- dashboard useability; and
- planning information exchange platform upgrade.

The urgency for portal improvements was discussed amongst the group, as well as expiring applications based on no activity.

The Heads of Planning Reference Group noted the supporting PlanSA update report.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Agenda items and associated reports for next meeting

The Chair asked the group for any agenda items (and associated reports) for discussion at the next meeting. Suggested topics included shortage of professional planners, a regional plans and local design review scheme update, policy interpretation discussion and the useability of the DAP search tool (to provide more information such as whether a development is restricted).

6. NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 2 August 2022

7. MEETING CLOSED:

The Chair thanked all in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3.59pm.