



## UPDATE

### Proposed new saleyards: Central Victoria Livestock Exchange

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#### WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE SALEYARDS APPLICATION?

This is the second newsletter from the City of Ballarat providing information about the proposed new saleyards development, the 'Central Victoria Livestock Exchange' (CVLX), on a site between the Sunraysia Highway and the Western Freeway, to the southwest of Miners Rest.

A Planning Scheme Amendment application was received by Council in late August 2014 to rezone land to the Special Use Zone with targeted development controls for the saleyard. Council officers have been assessing the information and a report is now being presented to Council on Wednesday 10 December, 2014.

This report will request Council put the application out for public comment, by starting the formal Planning Scheme Amendment Process (requesting Authorisation from the Minister for Planning).

As this is only the start of the formal planning process it is important to note that public comments are not being received at this time. You will have the opportunity to have your say once the Planning Scheme Amendment is placed on 'public exhibition' which is expected to take place in early 2015 (Feb-Mar).

#### YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

##### Will I get to have a say in the matter?

Yes. There will be an open public consultation process, where your opinion on the proposed saleyards will be sought. Council will take all opinions into consideration and if all concerns cannot be resolved, an independent Planning Panel Hearing (appointed by the State Government) will take place to consider all issues. You will also have an opportunity to make a submission at this Planning Panel.

##### When will I get to have my say?

It is expected the time for public consultation will be in early 2015 (February – March). Another Council newsletter will be circulated at this time to provide details.

##### Hasn't Council already made a decision relating to the saleyards though?

Yes. Council resolved in mid-2014 only how a saleyards application will be treated. Council resolved that they will consider rezoning with strong development controls to provide more certainty for the community and Council as to what will and can happen on the land. This is a standard matter for Council to consider in land development.

## Are there other environmental approvals needed for the saleyards?

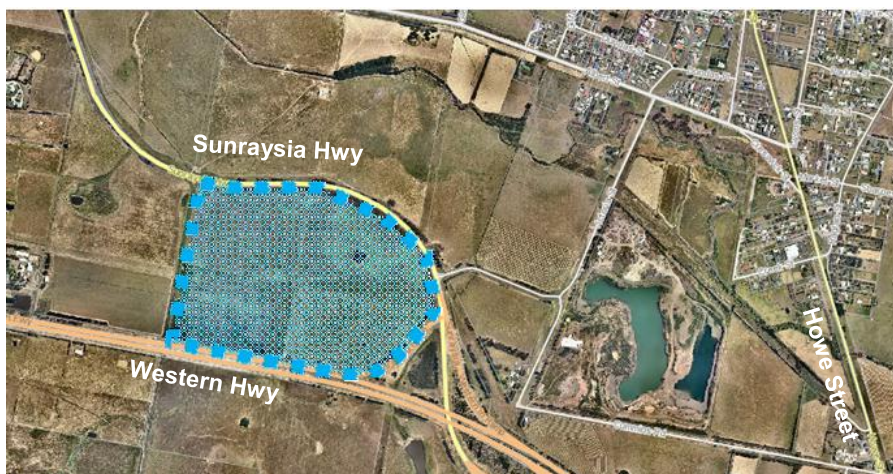
Yes, the developer will also need to receive approval from the EPA (Environment Protection Authority), through a 'Works Approval Application', to make sure the site meets the highest standards and minimises any possible negative impact on the Miners Rest community. The Planning Scheme Amendment and Works Approval Application will be managed as a combined process between Council and the EPA, where people are able to comment on both at the same time.

## Can I attend the Council meeting on 10 December 2014?

Yes, all members of the community are welcome to attend the meeting which will be held at 7pm, 10 December 2014 in the Council Chambers, Ballarat Town Hall, Sturt Street Ballarat. If you wish to speak at the meeting you must register your interest by no later than 2pm on the day of the meeting. Registration to speak can be made by contacting the Governance Unit on 5320 5535. While you are welcome to speak, Council are only considering putting the application out for public comment at this meeting, you will have many opportunities to provide your opinion through the consultation period, expected to be Feb/March 2015.

Council meeting agendas are normally available on the City of Ballarat website on the Monday preceding the meeting, i.e., Monday 8 December, 2014. Visit [www.ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au) and proceed by clicking 'Council', followed by 'Agendas and Minutes' on the left side of the screen. Copies are also available at the Town Hall.

## WHERE IS THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED SALEYARDS?



## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Estimated timeframe	Stage in the process
Feb/Mar 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If Council resolves to start the Planning Scheme Amendment process, the proposal is put out for public comment</li></ul>
Feb/Mar 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Council considers the comments and concerns of all parties</li></ul>
Early - mid 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If all concerns are not resolved, an independent Planning Panel Hearing takes place</li></ul>
Mid 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Panel delivers a report to Council for consideration</li></ul>
Mid - late 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Council considers the final Panel report and makes a recommendation to the Minister for Planning</li></ul>

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