



UPDATE

Proposed new saleyards: Central Victoria Livestock Exchange

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WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE SALEYARDS APPLICATION?

This is the third 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 resolved in December 2014 to put the application out for public comment, by starting the formal Planning Scheme Amendment process (requesting Authorisation from the Minister for Planning).

Now is the time to have your say.

Comment is now being sought on both a Planning Scheme Amendment and an EPA Works Approval Application relating to the site, through the 'public Exhibition' period from 12th February – 20th March, 2015.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

Two public open house information sessions will be held between 4-7pm on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March at the Ballarat Turf Club, Miners Rest (entry via Kennedys Road). During this time, residents and interested persons are invited to drop-in and view information about the proposal. Council, the EPA and the applicant will be in attendance.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

How do I have my say?

Submissions must be made in writing giving your name and contact address, clearly stating the grounds on which you wish to support or oppose the proposal.

Submissions are to be sent to Planning Strategy, City of Ballarat, PO Box 655, Ballarat VIC 3353 or via email to strategy@ballarat.vic.gov.au

(Name and contact details of submitters are required for Council to consider submissions and to notify such persons of the opportunity to attend Council meetings and any public hearing held to consider submissions. In accordance with the Planning and Environment Act 1987, Council must make available for inspection a copy of any submissions made).

When does my submission need to be in by?

The closing date for submissions is 20th March 2015.

How do I find out more?

Details of what is proposed can be viewed on the following websites:

www.ballarat.vic.gov.au

www.epa.vic.gov.au

www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/publicinspection

Or in person, during office hours at the City of Ballarat, Town Hall, Sturt Street, Ballarat, Victoria 3350

What happens to my submission?

All submissions will be considered and, if all concerns cannot be resolved, a report will be presented to Council to request the appointment of a joint independent Planning Panel Hearing (by the State Government). This Panel Hearing will take place to consider all submissions relating to the Planning Scheme Amendment and the Works Approval Application. You will have an opportunity to present your submission in person at this Hearing.

What are the details of the Planning Scheme Amendment – Amendment C185?

The Planning Scheme Amendment proposes to establish a policy framework to facilitate the relocation of the existing Central Victoria Livestock Exchange to the subject land. The Amendment proposes to rezone the land listed below from Farming Zone to Special Use Zone, inserting a new Schedule (Schedule 15); amend Planning Scheme Maps 5 and 6; amend the Schedule to Clause 52.03 to include a new incorporated document titled 'Central Victoria Livestock Exchange, Ballarat December 2014'; and amend the Schedule to Clause 81.01 to include a new incorporated document titled 'Central Victoria Livestock Exchange, Ballarat December 2014'.

What are the details of the Works Approval Application - Service Order Ref: 1001580?

The Works Approval Application is required to ensure the proposal meets the relevant environmental protection policies. A Works Approval Application has been lodged with the Environment Protection Authority Victoria, which is required as the livestock saleyards is a 'scheduled premises' under B02, pursuant to the *Environment Protection (Scheduled Premises and Exemptions) Regulations 2007*.

The EPA notice reads as follows:

1001580: Regional Livestock Exchange (RLX) Operating Company Pty Ltd, (Part) 22 -76 Victoria Street, Miners Rest, VIC 3352. Relocate the Central Victoria Livestock Exchange (CVLX) from its existing site in central Ballarat to the proposed site in Miners Rest, with a design throughput of approximately 1.6 million sheep and 70,000 cattle per annum.

WHERE IS THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED SALEYARDS?

The site of the proposed saleyards is pictured below, Lots 1 and 2, TP840697G; Lot 2, PS341031L; and Lot 1, TP944606J, Sunraysia Highway, Miners Rest.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Estimated timeframe	Stage in the process
12 Feb - 20 March 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The combined Planning Scheme Amendment and Works Approval Application is out for public comment
Feb - April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All submissions are considered, if unable to be resolved a report is put to Council to request a Panel Hearing
Week of 18 May 2015 Week of 22 June 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If all concerns are not resolved, a Directions Hearing followed by an independent Planning Panel Hearing occur
August/Sept 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Panel delivers a report to Council for consideration
Late 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council considers the final Panel report and makes a recommendation to the Minister for Planning

NEED MORE INFO? Contact Council's Strategic Land Use Planning Coordinator
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