

UPDATE

Proposed new saleyards: Central Victoria Livestock Exchange

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WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE SALEYARDS APPLICATION?

This is the fifth newsletter from the City of Ballarat providing information about the proposed new saleyards development, the 'Central Victoria Livestock Exchange' (CVLX). The saleyards are a developer led initiative proposed to be located between the Sunraysia Highway and the Western Freeway, to the southwest of Miners Rest.

Between 12 February and 20 March 2015, the Planning Scheme Amendment application (C185) and the EPA Works Approval Application (Service Order: 1001580) were jointly on public exhibition. Council has received 169 submissions.

Outcome of 22 April Council Meeting

At the Council meeting on Wednesday 22nd April Council decided to request an independent Planning Panel to consider all submissions.

Council also resolved that if the Amendment is approved, the Development Plan required to be prepared by the developer must be completed not only to Council's satisfaction, but also to the satisfaction of other responsible authorities including VicRoads, Central Highlands Water and Southern Rural Water.

Where to find details of the proposed saleyards

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

www.ballarat.vic.gov.au

www.epa.vic.gov.au/BallaratSaleyards

www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/publicinspection

or in person, during office hours at the City of Ballarat, The Phoenix Building, 25 Armstrong Street South, Ballarat, Victoria 3350.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

When does my submission need to be in by?

The official closing date for submissions was Friday 20th March 2015; however they will continue to be received until the time of the Panel Hearing in mid June 2015. All submissions received from now onwards will be sent directly to Planning Panels Victoria.

How do I have my say?

Submissions must be made in writing, giving your name and contact address, and 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, submissions are therefore public documents).

If I lodge a late submission now can I still speak at the Panel Hearing?

All submissions received by mid June 2015 will be considered by the Panel. However Planning Panels Victoria will need to determine whether or not a submitter can speak to their submission at the Panel. This will be based on how late your submission is received and the timetabling for the Panel Hearing.

Can I speak to the Panel Hearing if I haven't lodged a submission?

No. You must make a submission now to be involved in the future Panel Hearing.

Can I attend the Panel Hearing if I didn't make a submission?

Yes. The Panel Hearing is a public Hearing, and while personal invitations are sent to those who made a submission, anyone can attend to listen to the proceedings. Public questions are not taken at the Hearing.

What happens now for the Panel Hearing?

If you have made a submission, you should have received notification of the Hearing directly from Planning Panels Victoria (unless you lodged your submission in the last few days). This notice includes a 'Request to be Heard' form which must be completed and returned to Planning Panels Victoria (not Council) if you wish to speak to your submission.

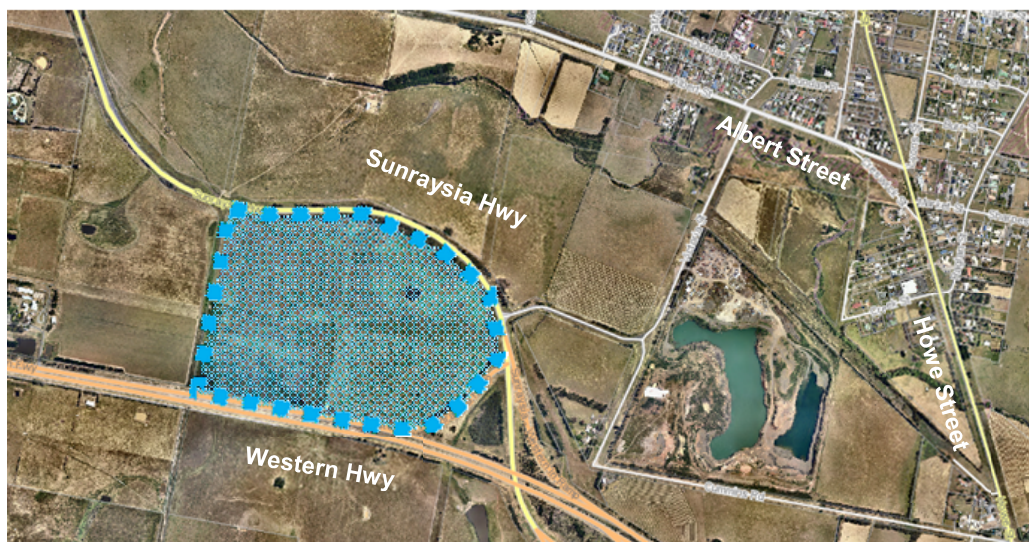
It will be at this Panel Hearing your submission will be considered by independent planning and environmental experts appointed by the Minister for Planning. This Panel will provide recommendations to Council about whether the proposed saleyard should be supported on the proposed site. Council will then need to consider the Panel report and make their final decision regarding Amendment C185.

The EPA will also need to consider the Panel report in their determination of the Works Approval Application.

What if I have made a submission but have not heard from Planning Panels Victoria?

You should contact Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 8392 6391 or planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au

WHERE IS THE SITE FOR THE PROPOSED SALEYARDS?



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Estimated timeframe	Stage in the process
Early May 2015	Planning Panels Victoria have sent 'Request to be Heard' forms to all submitters, inviting them to speak at Panel
Monday 18 May 2015	Directions Hearing takes place
Week of 22 June 2015	Planning Panel Hearing commences. The Hearing may extend into subsequent weeks
August/Sept 2015	The Panel delivers a report to Council for consideration
Late 2015	Council considers the final Panel report and makes a recommendation to the Minister for Planning

NEED MORE INFO? Contact the City of Ballarat's Strategic Land Use Planning Coordinator Jessie Keating on 5320 5580 or email jessiekeating@ballarat.vic.gov.au