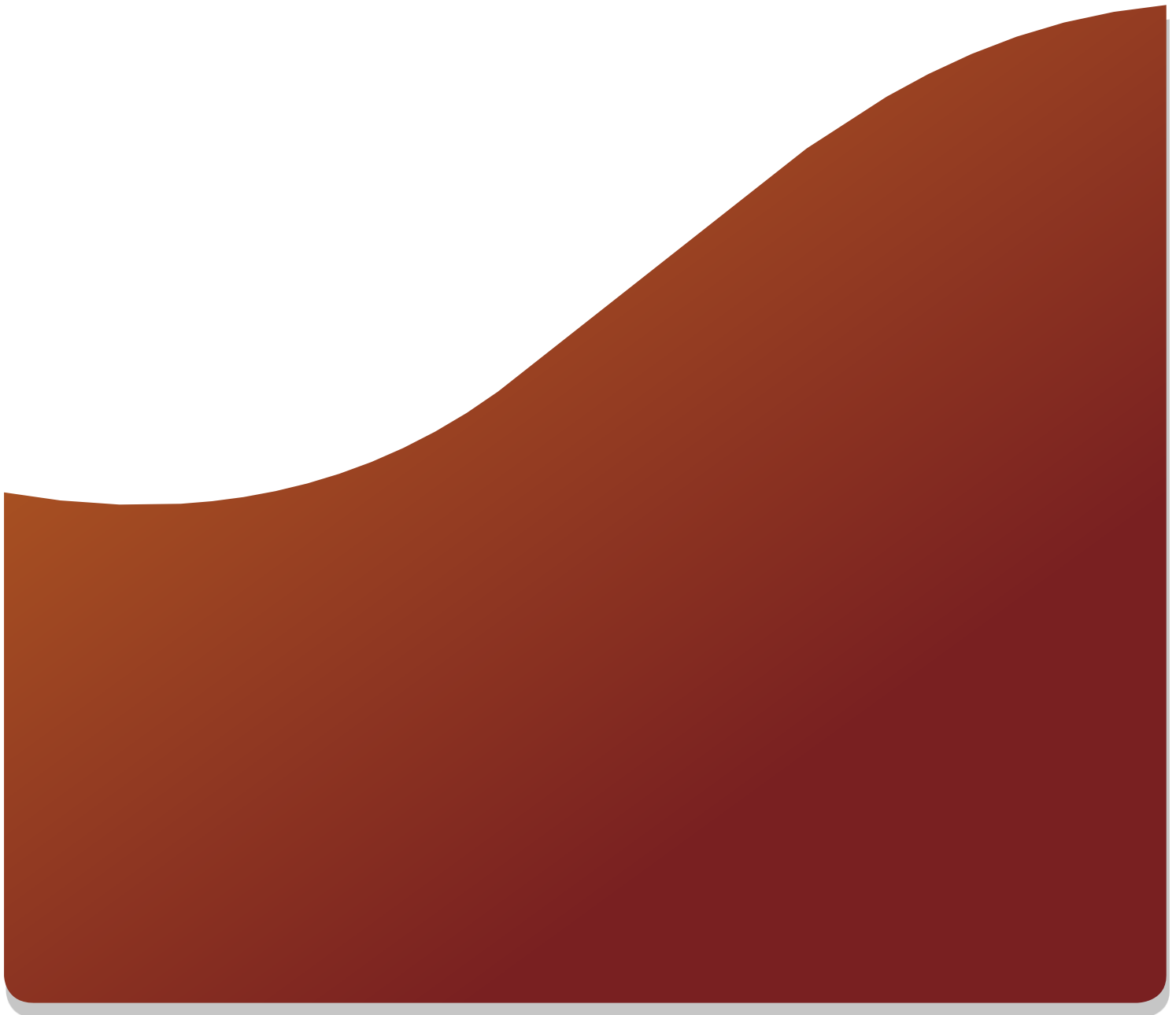


Minutes

Planning Delegated Committee Meeting
Wednesday 14 May 2025 at 7:00 PM
Held online and livestreamed at mrsc.vic.gov.au



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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Macedon Ranges Shire Council acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land and waterways. Council recognises their living cultures and ongoing connection to Country and pays respect to their Elders past, and present.

Council also acknowledges local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander residents of Macedon Ranges for their ongoing contribution to the diverse culture of our community.

2 RECORDING AND LIVESTREAMING OF THIS COMMITTEE MEETING

This meeting was recorded and streamed live on the internet, in accordance with Council's 'Live Streaming and Publishing Recordings of Meetings' policy, which can be viewed on Council's website.

3 PRESENT

Cr Dominic Bonanno (Mayor), Cr Kate Kendall (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jennifer Anderson, Cr Cassy Borthwick, Cr Alison Joseph, Cr Janet Pearce, Cr Andrew Scanlon, Cr Christine Walker, Cr Daniel Young

IN ATTENDANCE

Bernie O'Sullivan (Chief Executive Officer), Rebecca Stockfeld (Director Planning and Environment), Lucy Olson (Senior Governance Officer - Council Business), Jessica Clarke-Hong (Manager Governance and Performance)

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PURPOSE OF PLANNING DELEGATED COMMITTEE

Council established the Planning Delegated Committee to provide a regular forum for hearing from people who have made a submission to Council or who are an applicant or objector in relation to a planning permit application.

The Committee is authorised to determine statutory planning applications and Planning Scheme amendments only in relation to the Planning and Environment Act 1987. Its purpose is to hear from applicants/land owners and objectors/submitters on statutory and strategic planning matters, planning applications and to determine other planning matters.

7 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Committee Resolution

Moved: Cr Kate Kendall

Seconded: Cr Alison Joseph

That the Committee confirm the minutes of the Planning Delegated Committee of Macedon Ranges Shire Council held on 9 April 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED

Procedural Note: Cr Daniel Young joined meeting 7:04pm

8 REPORTS

8.1 CONSIDERATION OF A PLANNING PANEL - COMBINED PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C147MACR AND PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION PLN/2022/354 - BENETAS RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Summary

The purpose of this report is to enable the Committee to consider all submissions received during the exhibition of Amendment C147macr and planning permit application PLN/2022/354. The combined amendment and permit application seeks to facilitate the use of the site for a retirement village, representing the second stage of a two-stage aged care and retirement master plan for the site.

Various matters raised in submissions remain unresolved, and officers recommend that these be referred to an independent planning panel for further consideration. Planning Panels Victoria will provide submitters an opportunity to be heard in an informal, non-judicial setting and will offer expert advice to Council on the amendment and the submissions referred to it.

Recommendation

That the Committee:

- 1. Request the Minister for Planning to appoint an independent Planning Panel under Part 8 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to consider the submissions to Amendment C147macr to the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme and planning permit PLN/2022/354.**
- 2. Refers all submissions to Amendment C147macr and planning permit PLN/2022/354 to the Panel, in accordance with Section 23 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.**
- 3. Notifies all submitters to Amendment C147macr and PLN/2022/354 of Council's decision.**

Cr Cassy Borthwick moved an alternative motion.

Committee Resolution

Moved: Cr Cassy Borthwick

Seconded: Cr Alison Joseph

That the Committee:

- 1. Defers a decision on amendment c147macr and PLN/2022/354 to the May 2025 Scheduled Council Meeting.**
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2. Notifies all submitters to Amendment C147macr and PLN/2022/354 of the Committee's decision.

In Favour: Crs Kate Kendall, Jennifer Anderson, Cassy Borthwick, Alison Joseph, Andrew Scanlon and Daniel Young

Against: Crs Dominic Bonanno, Janet Pearce and Christine Walker

CARRIED 6/3

The Meeting closed at 7:30pm.