



11 December 2020

As addressed

Dear Parties

Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project: Inquiry and Advisory Committee Hearing arrangements

I understand there are concerns among submitters about the hosting of the Directions Hearing videoconference on Monday.

For Environment Effect Statement (EES) hearings and large panels or advisory committees it is usual practice for the Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC) to ask the Proponent to manage logistics under the IAC's direction. For this matter, as for all major matters this year on video conference, the Proponent was asked to arrange the video conference platform and provide technical assistance.

The Proponent, through an external contractor, has provided the Zoom Platform and licence and their external contractor will provide the IAC technical assistance on the day as one of the hosts. The IAC stresses that the Proponent will not be in control of who can or cannot speak to the IAC at the Directions Hearing.

As Chair of the IAC I will manage the Directions Hearing and control speakers and questions as I would if we were meeting face to face.

Several submitters are concerned they will have to provide their email addresses to the Proponent. Due to the setup of the Directions Hearing (accessing via Link) we can confirm the IAC will not be providing submitters email addresses to the Proponent or their external contractor providing technical assistance.

As part of the Zoom Platform, on accessing the Directions Hearing Link you may be asked to enter the Meeting Passcode and your display name and email address. In the Directions Hearing the name entered will be displayed not your email address. As the Zoom licence is through an external business, the external contractor has access to these email addresses, but the Proponent does not.

As I understand it these arrangements are the same as the long running Crib Point EES Inquiry which concludes on 17 December 2020.

To be clear, the IAC directs:

1. Email addresses provided by any submitter or party in the course of accessing video conference links to the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project must not be provided to the Proponent or any other party. A copy of names and email addresses should be provided to the IAC only.

When you join the videoconference can you please use your first name and last name so the IAC can easily identify you. If you are representing an organisation, include the organisation name after your name - for example, Nick Wimbush, Chair IAC.

All people who join the Directions Hearing will be placed in an attendee's room where you will be able to see the IAC members, but your camera will be defaulted to off and your microphone on

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mute. As directed by the IAC some parties will be moved to the presenter's room as required during the Directions Hearing.

Should attendees need to raise something with the IAC like a question as outlined in the guidance material, you can either click the chat function and send a message advising that you have a question or use the raise your hand function. The IAC will be alerted to this and will let you know when you can speak or will respond verbally at the appropriate time.

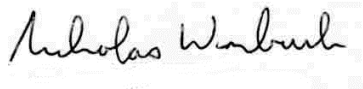
For those submitters who are not comfortable accessing the Directions Hearing link from Kalbar's website, Planning Panels Victoria will shortly add the same Directions Hearing Link to the IAC's Engage Victoria website.

If parties are not able to receive the technical support they require, they are to contact Planning Panels Victoria on Fingerboards.IAC@delwp.vic.gov.au to raise any issues.

As outlined in the Directions Hearing letter, the type and location of the Main Public Hearing will be considered by the IAC at the Directions Hearing.

The IAC notes that the Crib Point EES (AGL and APA Gas Import Jetty and Gas Pipeline Project) hearing has been running for nearly ten weeks and is currently being held over the Zoom Video Conference (note they do not sit on Fridays). The Hearing concludes on 17 December 2020 and is open to the public for those interested in viewing a video conference hearing. The hearing links are available here: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/crib-point-IAC>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Wimbush". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Nick Wimbush

Chair, Fingerboards Inquiry and Advisory Committee