



18 March 2021

As addressed

Dear Party

**Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC) – Notification of Third Directions Hearing**

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As foreshadowed in the Directions dated 19 February 2021, the Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC) will hold a Directions Hearing by videoconference using the Zoom videoconference platform at:

**10.00am, Wednesday 31 March 2021**

Parties and interested observers can access the Third Directions Hearing using the following link and details below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84224119615?pwd=bTdJSnJKczV5aStYcjZzcStla3B6UT09>

**Third Directions Hearing Webinar ID:** 842 2411 9615

**Third Directions Hearing Webinar Password:** 104721

Full details on how to join the Directions Hearing are shown in **Attachment 1** below.

**Purpose of the Directions Hearing**

The Directions Hearing will cover, amongst other things:

- Reconfirmation of dates and consideration of outstanding material (if any)
- Timetable considerations
- Final hearing arrangements
- Additional site inspections

**Proposal to sit five days a week in Weeks 1 and 2**

The Proponent in its correspondence dated 26 February 2021 to the IAC (Tabled Document 151) indicated that it now needs 12 Hearing days to present its case (three weeks if the IAC sits four days a week as generally proposed).

The IAC is aware that some opposing legal counsel have availability issues between 17 - 31 May 2021 (Weeks 3 and 4 of the hearing) and would be limited in hearing the proponent's evidence and/or cross-examining expert witnesses in the third week of the hearing.

To address this limitation the IAC is proposing to sit for full weeks (five days/week) in Weeks 1 and 2 of the Hearing, and then four days a week for the remainder.

The Proponent has until midday (12.00pm) 19 April 2021 to provide its order of witnesses to the IAC and parties on the evidence distribution list (Direction 7). The IAC would be assisted if the Proponent, EPA, Mine Free Glenaladale and Council could discuss the order of experts in the first two (5-day) weeks to ensure that experts can be presented and questioned in the presence of Parties preferred counsel.

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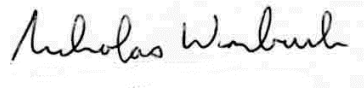
The Parties must report back on the outcome of these discussions **at the Third Directions Hearing on Wednesday 31 March 2021.**

The IAC notes the discussion between the parties will be on a without prejudice basis and will not prevent a Party from later cross examining other experts through alternative representation.

The second Hearing Timetable will be issued shortly.

If you have questions, please contact Amy Selvaraj at Planning Panels Victoria at [Fingerboards.IAC@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:Fingerboards.IAC@delwp.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



**Nick Wimbush**

Chair, Inquiry and Advisory Committee

# Attachment 1

## Joining the Directions Hearing by Zoom

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Note the dial in location phone numbers for other Australian locations are provided at the end of this attachment.

To assist you in accessing and using Zoom, the [Your Guide to Using Zoom – How to participate in the online Hearing for the Fingerboards Project Environment Effects Statement](#) contains more detailed information on how to join the Third Directions Hearing, and what to do during the Directions Hearing. A walkthrough video on how to access and use Zoom is also available here: <https://www.fingerboardsproject.com.au/ppv/video-guide>.

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

The Zoom Third Directions Hearing link will be published on the Engage Victoria website and will be accessible by the public who seek to observe the proceedings.

The IAC intends to record the Third Directions Hearing (audio only). Participants are prohibited from recording any part of the Third Directions Hearing in any form without permission from the IAC.

### Technical Assistance

If you require technical assistance joining or need support during the Third Directions Hearing, please contact the Proponent's dedicated phone line on 1800 791 396. This phone number will be active during all business hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) during the Third Directions Hearing.

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](mailto:Fingerboards.IAC@delwp.vic.gov.au) to raise any issues.

## Joining the Directions Hearing by Telephone

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