

Victorian Planning Survey 2014

Thanks for taking the time to complete the survey.

You need to respond by 31 October to be included in all publicity, although late responses will still be included in where possible.

There are ten questions.

Question 1: Local issues

What are the major planning issues in your electorate?

- 1
- 2
- 3

How will you handle these issues?

What are the major infrastructure needs in your electorate?

- 1
- 2
- 3

How will you help address these needs?

Further comment?

Question 2: Local policy and amenity

Do you think the Environment and Planning Act should be amended to give local policy and local amenity greater weight?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Further comment?

Question 3: Community consultation on planning

Do you believe residents have been adequately consulted on major planning issues like the creation of Melbourne 2030 over a decade ago and the formulation of the current Plan Melbourne strategy?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

If not, what sort of community consultation do you think should be adopted by the State Government and Local Councils?

Assuming that Melbourne continues to grow, would you rather see Melbourne develop like:

- A Northern European city, with medium density diverse 4-5 storey development
- Surfer's Paradise and many Asian cities, with massive centralised high-rise development
- Chicago and Los Angeles, with sprawling low density housing and vastly extended urban boundaries
- Other (please specify)

Further comment?

Question 4: Undue influence and political donations

Do we have an inappropriate culture of undue influence in public decision making on planning matters in Victoria?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Do you support reforms to ban political donations from developers, as in NSW?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Do you support reforms to require disclosure of political donations within 14 days as in some parts of Australia, as opposed to up to 18 months in Victoria?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Do you support restoring the previous \$1500 limit for mandatory disclosure of political donations, instead of the current limit of over \$12000?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Further comment?

Question 5: Governance

According to the Productivity Commission Report, a majority of Victorians think that developers have too much influence in planning. In answering this question please refer to the two links below.

Minister Guy's role in the Ventnor development

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/liberal-figures-avoid-court-examination-over-phillip-island-rezoning-20130819-2s6xs.html>

Hulls and Madden's role in the Hotel Windsor development

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-02-10/madden-implicated-in-windsor-scandal/1937174>

Do we need to improve transparency and integrity in governance of planning in Victoria?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

How would you work to achieve better transparency and integrity in governance of planning?

Do you have further comments about this?

Question 6: Ministerial powers

Currently, the Minister is able to 'call-in' planning matters, that is, to intervene and remove planning applications and appeal hearings from Council and the Courts.

Would you support mandatory criteria to define the scope of ministerial call-in powers?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Do you think the Minister should be required to publish advice relied on and reasons for decisions on projects that are called in?

- Yes
- No
- I don't understand the question

Do you have any further comments about this?

Question 7: Mandatory and discretionary requirements

Is there too much discretionary decision making in our current planning system?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Do you support minimum mandatory provisions for VCAT and Local Councils?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Do you have any further comments about this?

Question 8: Sustainability

Would you vote to amend the Planning and Environment Act to give greater precedence to environmentally sustainable development?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Recognising the need to address sustainability, human rights, and social equity, would you support wider public debate on a stable population policy for Victoria?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Do you have any further comment about this?

Question 9: Deregulation of planning

The major political parties have withdrawn from the historic central planning role of Government. In Government, they want to 'reduce red tape', to 'get out of the way of business' and as Plan Melbourne states, to 'facilitate development, not regulate it'.

Do you think the deregulation of planning as represented by Plan Melbourne is in the public interest?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Do you think Victorians support the current policies of deregulation of planning?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Do you think the marketplace alone can address planning issues that involve long term social, environmental and economic factors?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Do you have any further comment about this?

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Question 10: Major planning issues

How important are the following areas of reform?

	Very important	Important	Not important	Not at all important
Changing the inappropriate culture of undue influence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Long term infrastructure planning by an Independent Infrastructure Authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Locating sustainable jobs closer to where people live	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved resources and methods for enforcement of conditions of planning permits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diverse and affordable housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Planning and development to cope with the increasing impact of climate change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Minimum mandatory planning controls for Councils and VCAT, such as Rescode and Overlay requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Banning political donations from developers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Giving greater weight to local policy and amenity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Governance to protect integrity and transparency	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Heritage protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved public transport network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rail freight transport network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stop policies promoting unlimited growth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smarter ways of managing growth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Limiting the Minister's call-in powers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you have any further comments about how to achieve better planning for Victoria?

Finished!

That's it, you're done.

Thanks for participating in the survey. The results will be released in November 2014.