

## Introduction

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 where possible.

There are ten sections. We ask that any comments be brief, no more than 2 or 3 lines. There is an opportunity for longer comment, if you wish, at the end. Very long responses may not be able to be included in reporting.

## Section 1: Candidate details

### Your name

### Your party or platform, if an independent

### Which House are you standing for?

### Which electorate are you contesting?

## Section 2: Your electorate

### What are the major planning issues in your electorate?

### What are the major infrastructure needs in your electorate?

### Are you happy with the New Planning Zones and the way they have been rolled out in your electorate?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

### Further comment?

## Section 3: Planning for Victorians

**Do you think Victorians are happy with the way Melbourne is developing?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Do you think the 'Plan Melbourne' Strategy will achieve the long term public interests of Victoria?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Should permits for new sub divisions and high-density developments only be issued where essential infrastructure such as schools and public transport already exists or is being established concurrently?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**How would you ensure that the public interest and community views are better reflected in the planning system?**

**Further comment?**

## Section 4: Sustainability and the Environment

**Would you support amendment to the Planning and Environment Act to give Environmentally Sustainable Development greater precedence?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Would you support amendment to strengthen protection for Green Wedges, public land and green open space?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Would you support better funding of public transport, with emphasis on outer suburban areas, rather than spending \$8 billion on the East West Link road project?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**While ensuring that human rights are protected, would you support wider public debate on a stable population policy for Victoria in order to address ecological sustainability, as well as infrastructure and employment impacts?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Further comment?**

## Section 5: Local policy and local amenity

**Would you support amendment to the Planning and Environment Act to give local policy and local amenity greater precedence?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Does VCAT need reform to make it fairer and more accessible?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Further comment?**

**Section 6: Mandatory and discretionary requirements**

**Is there too much discretionary decision making in the planning system?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Would you support minimum mandatory planning provisions for Local Councils and VCAT?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Currently, the Minister is able to 'call in' planning matters, 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
- Don't know

**Would you support amendment requiring the Minister to publish advice relied upon and reasons for decisions?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Further comment?**

**Section 7: Governance**

**In 2011, the Productivity Commission reported that '60% of Victorians perceive that developers have too much influence over getting their developments approved'.**

**Serious community disquiet has been expressed over the management of the Windsor Hotel Development, the Ventnor Development, and now the signing of undisclosed contracts on the eve of an election for the East West Link and development in the Point Nepean National Park.**

**Do we need to improve transparency, accountability and integrity in governance of planning?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**If yes, how would you work to achieve this?**

**Further comment?**

## **Section 8: Undue influence and political donations**

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

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Would you support banning political donations from developers, as in NSW?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Would you support requiring disclosure of political donations within 14 days as some countries do, compared to up to 18 months in Victoria?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Further comment?**

## Section 9: Deregulation and Privatisation

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

**Do you think Victorians support the increasing deregulation and privatisation of planning that successive Governments have introduced over the last twenty years?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**Further comment?**

## Section 10: Your priorities for planning

## How important are the following areas of reform to you?

	Very important	Important	Not very important	Not at all important
Long term planning by an Independent Authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stronger protection of Green Wedges and open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment closer to where people live	<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"/>
Improved public transport network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Planning to cope with the impact of climate change	<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"/>
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"/>
Improved enforcement of planning permits	<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"/>
Limiting the Minister's call-in powers	<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"/>
Banning political donations from developers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stop policies pushing unlimited growth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reverse deregulation and privatisation of planning	<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?

## The End

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