



Overview of Planning Scheme Amendments

What is a planning scheme?

A planning scheme is a statutory device or an official tool for the State Government and councils to use to ensure consistency in the way land is used and developed across Victoria. The planning scheme looks at a broad range of issues including:

- How land can be used and the location of residential development, shops, offices and parks
- Protection of heritage and the natural environment
- How developments look and their size.

Each council area has its own specific planning scheme.

What is a planning scheme amendment?

A planning scheme amendment is when there is a change or update to the planning scheme.

Changes or updates to the planning scheme include:

- A change to the way land is allowed to be used – this is called a rezoning. For example; changing land from a business zone to a residential zone.
- A change to the written part of the planning scheme, which may include providing protection to buildings which have heritage significance by including them in a heritage overlay.

A formal amendment process is required every time Council wishes to make a change to its planning scheme. This is driven by State Government legislation within the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Why are planning scheme amendments required?

Planning scheme amendments are necessary to ensure that Moonee Valley's planning scheme remains current and continues to reflect the needs of the community, as well as take into account any development trends. It may also be changed to reflect new or amended State Government or Council strategies.

Who initiates planning scheme amendments?

While Council initiates a number of planning scheme amendments any person can apply for an amendment to the planning scheme.

However, anyone considering applying for an amendment is encouraged to first seek advice from a planning consultant. All amendments must have a strong strategic basis, which needs to be clearly communicated to Council prior to initiating a planning scheme amendment.

How do I find out about current amendments?

Details of current amendments are available through the Planning and Building section of Council's website at mvcc.vic.gov.au

How do I lodge a submission to a Planning Scheme Amendment?

All amendments are put on public exhibition for community comment. Once an amendment goes on exhibition anyone is entitled to make a submission either in support of or objecting to all or some aspects of the amendment.

A submission should include your name, address, preferred contact details and date of submission. It is

important these details are included so that Council and/or Planning Panels Victoria can easily get in touch with you regarding your submission.

Your submission should also clearly state your reasons for supporting or opposing the amendment.

For submissions to be formally considered, they must be received in writing.

How to make a submission?

To make a submission to an amendment on exhibition please write to:

Strategic Planning Department
Moonee Valley City Council
PO Box 126
Moonee Ponds VIC 3039

Or email:
council@mvcc.vic.gov.au

Responding to a submission

Once you have lodged your submission, Council may get in touch with you to see if it is possible to resolve any issues you may have with the amendment. If it is not possible to resolve these issues, then your submission and any others may be referred to Planning Panels Victoria following a formal Council meeting.

Panel Hearing

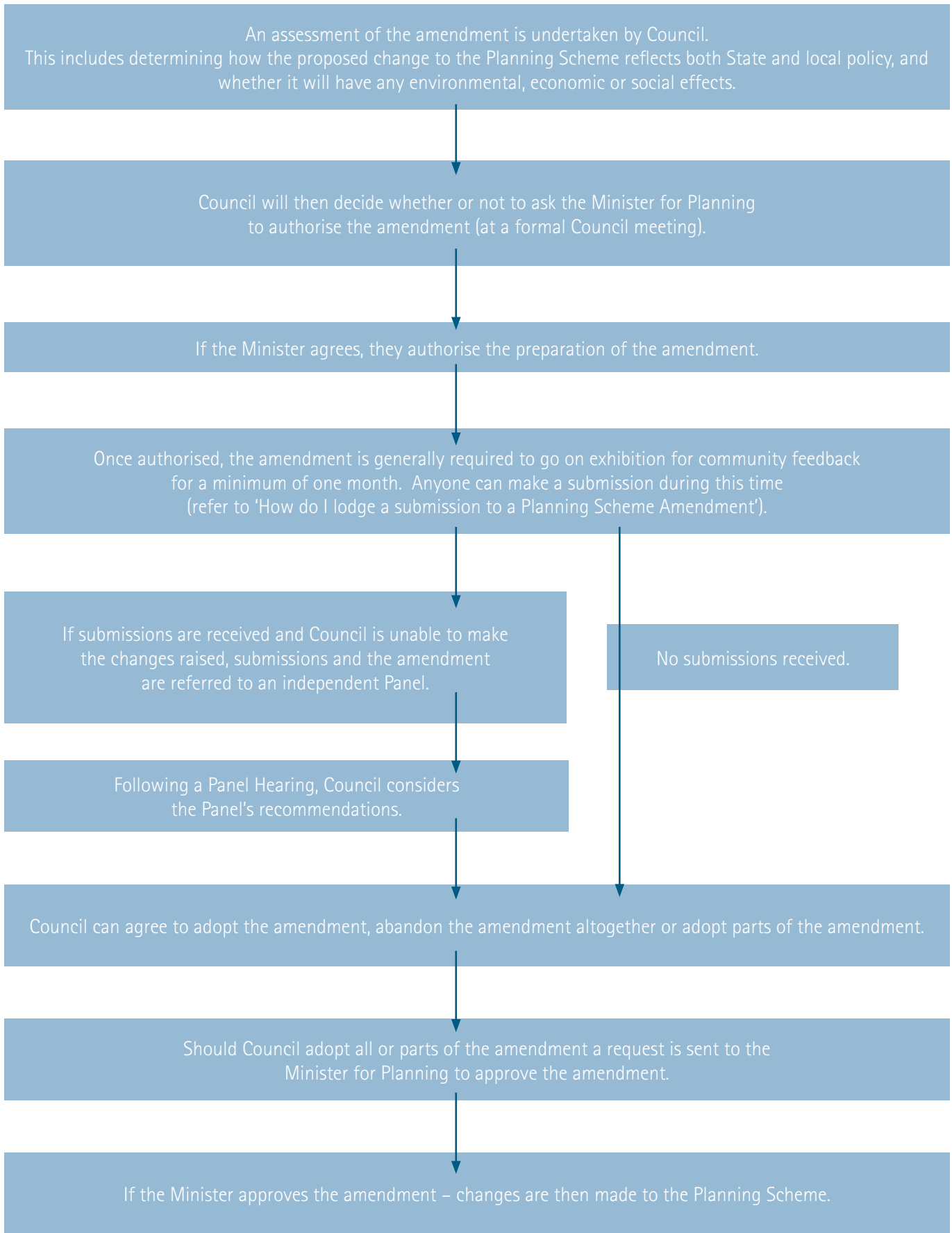
A Planning Panel will be required if there are unresolved submissions. The Minister for Planning will appoint a Panel member independent to Council to assess the amendment and any submissions. The Panel will provide recommendations in a report back to Council. All submitters will have a chance to speak at this hearing in support of their submission. Whether or not you choose to speak at this hearing, if you provided a submission during the exhibition of the amendment, it will still be considered by the Panel.

Overview of the Amendment Process

The amendment process is a complicated and often long process. It is not unusual for the process to take over a year with a number of steps involved.

The step-by-step guide on the following page is designed to give you a basic understanding of the major steps involved in the amendment process.





Further information

For further information on any current amendments or the amendment process, you are encouraged to contact Strategic Planning on 9243 8888 or via email at council@mvcc.vic.gov.au.

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中文	Cantonese	9280 0739	Italiano	Italian	9280 0742	Türkçe	Turkish	9280 0745
Hrvatski	Croatian	9280 0740	Somali	Somali	9280 0743	Việt-ngữ	Vietnamese	9280 0746

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