

Cardinia Western Port Green Wedge Management Plan Timeline Summary



The development of the Cardinia Western Port Green Wedge Management Plan involved a multi-stage process of consultation, collaboration, and strategic review between 2010 and 2017. The timeline below outlines key milestones from initial funding and joint planning with the City of Casey through to Council's independent adoption of the plan and its implementation via Cardinia Planning Scheme Amendment C215.

- **2010 Project Initiation**

The Victorian Government provided funding to Cardinia Shire Council and the City of Casey to support the preparation of a joint management plan for the Western Port Green Wedge. This funding supported the development of a discussion paper.

- **May 2011 - Phase 1: Initial Consultation**

Consultation involved a number of engagement activities that were designed to examine the key challenges and opportunities for the Western Port Green Wedge and identify a vision for the area. A broad cross section of government and agencies, industry representatives, local businesses, community organisations, interest groups and community members were invited to participate. More than 150 people participated in Phase 1.

- **October–December 2011 - Phase 2 Discussion Paper Consultation**

The Western Port Green Wedge Management Plan – Discussion Paper was prepared by Cardinia Shire Council and the City of Casey and was developed from feedback received during Phase 1. To support the exhibition period, a range of engagement activities were held, including workshops with government, agencies, and key stakeholders, public information sessions hosted by both councils, interviews, and online engagement through a dedicated website. Twelve submissions were received.

- **August – September 2015 - Phase 3 Draft Management Plan Consultation**

To support the exhibition of the draft management plan, workshops were held with community members, agencies, and government representatives, alongside online engagement and local promotions. Cardinia Shire Council received 18 submissions and the City of Casey received 160.

- **February 2016 - Partnership Concludes**

On the 15 February 2016, Cardinia Shire Council resolved to finalise the management plan independently due to differing strategic directions with the City of Casey.

- **July 2016 - Council Adoption and Planning Scheme Amendment Preparation**

At its 18 July meeting, Council adopted the *Cardinia Western Port Green Wedge Management Plan (July 2016)* and resolved to seek Ministerial authorisation to prepare Amendment C215 to strengthen planning controls for managing and protecting the green wedge.

- **September–October 2016 - Public Exhibition of Amendment C215 and Management Plan**

The Cardinia Western Port Green Wedge Management Plan (July 2016) and the Cardinia Planning Scheme Amendment C215 documents were exhibited to the public concurrently for a period of four

weeks. Notice was provided through direct mail to over 60 stakeholders, including community groups, public authorities, government agencies, relevant Ministers, and previous submitters, with broader awareness supported by newspaper advertisements, online engagement, media releases, and public access to documents via Council and DELWP websites. 26 submissions were received.

- **December 2016 - Council adopted updates to Management Plan and Referred submissions to an Independent Planning Panel**

Not all requested changes to Amendment C215 could be included. At the 12 December 2016 Council Meeting, Council resolved to adopt the updated amendment (reflecting some changes made in response to submissions) and to request the Minister for Planning appoint an independent panel to review all submissions received.

- **March 2017 - Panel Hearing and Panel Report**

The Panel hearing for Planning Scheme Amendment C215 was held on 7 March 2017 and six submitters requested to be heard. The Panel report was provided to Council and released to the public on 31 March 2017. A copy of the Panel report can be downloaded by clicking on this [link](#).

- **May 2017 – Final Adoption of the Cardinia Western Port Green Wedge Management Plan (May 2017) and Cardinia Planning Scheme Amendment C215**

Council adopted the Planning Panel's recommended minor changes to Amendment C215 and the *Cardinia Western Port Green Wedge Management Plan (May 2017)*. Additional updates were also made to reflect changes in State Planning Policy following the release of *Plan Melbourne 2017–2050*. Council also resolved to submit the revised amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval.

The 15 May 2017 Council meeting item and attachments can be downloaded from the following links:

- [Item 1 - Adoption of planning scheme amendment C215 \(Cardinia Western Port Green Wedge Management Plan\) Agenda, 141.63 KB](#)
- [Attachment 1 - Planning scheme amendment C215 documents Agenda, 3.98 MB](#)
- [Attachment 2 - Cardinia Western Port Green Wedge Management Plan \(May 2017\) Agenda, 6.38 MB](#)
- [Attachment 3 - Panel report - Cardinia planning scheme amendment C2015 \(23 March 2017\) Agenda, 1.21 MB](#)

- **August 2017 - Cardinia Planning Scheme Amendment C215 Gazetted**

Amendment C215 came into effect on Thursday 10 August 2017, following its official publication in the Government Gazette. You can download a copy of the Explanatory Report, which outlines what the amendment does and why it was needed by clicking on this [link](#).