

MOORABOOL WIND PROJECT

Stakeholder Update

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PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION

WestWind Energy Pty Ltd has lodged a planning permit application for the Moorabool Wind Project. A copy of the planning permit application, supporting documentation and independent consultant reports can be viewed and downloaded from WestWind's website www.w-wind.com.au.

Who will assess the planning permit application?

The Minister for Planning will assess the planning permit application as the proposal is larger than 30 megawatts. Moorabool Shire will not assess this application, but can still be involved and have input into the planning process.

How and when can I comment on the proposal?

You will be able to comment on the proposal shortly.

Like many planning permit applications, the Moorabool Wind Project application will be subject to public notice.

It is expected that WestWind Energy will be directed to give formal public notice of the application early in the new year. This will provide the public with an opportunity to lodge an objecting or supporting submission to the proposal.

When public notice is given you will be advised of: the timeframe for lodging submissions; where to view the proposal; and where to send submissions to. You may also be asked to indicate whether you would like to attend a planning panel hearing to present your submission in person.

All submissions to the proposal can be viewed by the public.

Planning Panel

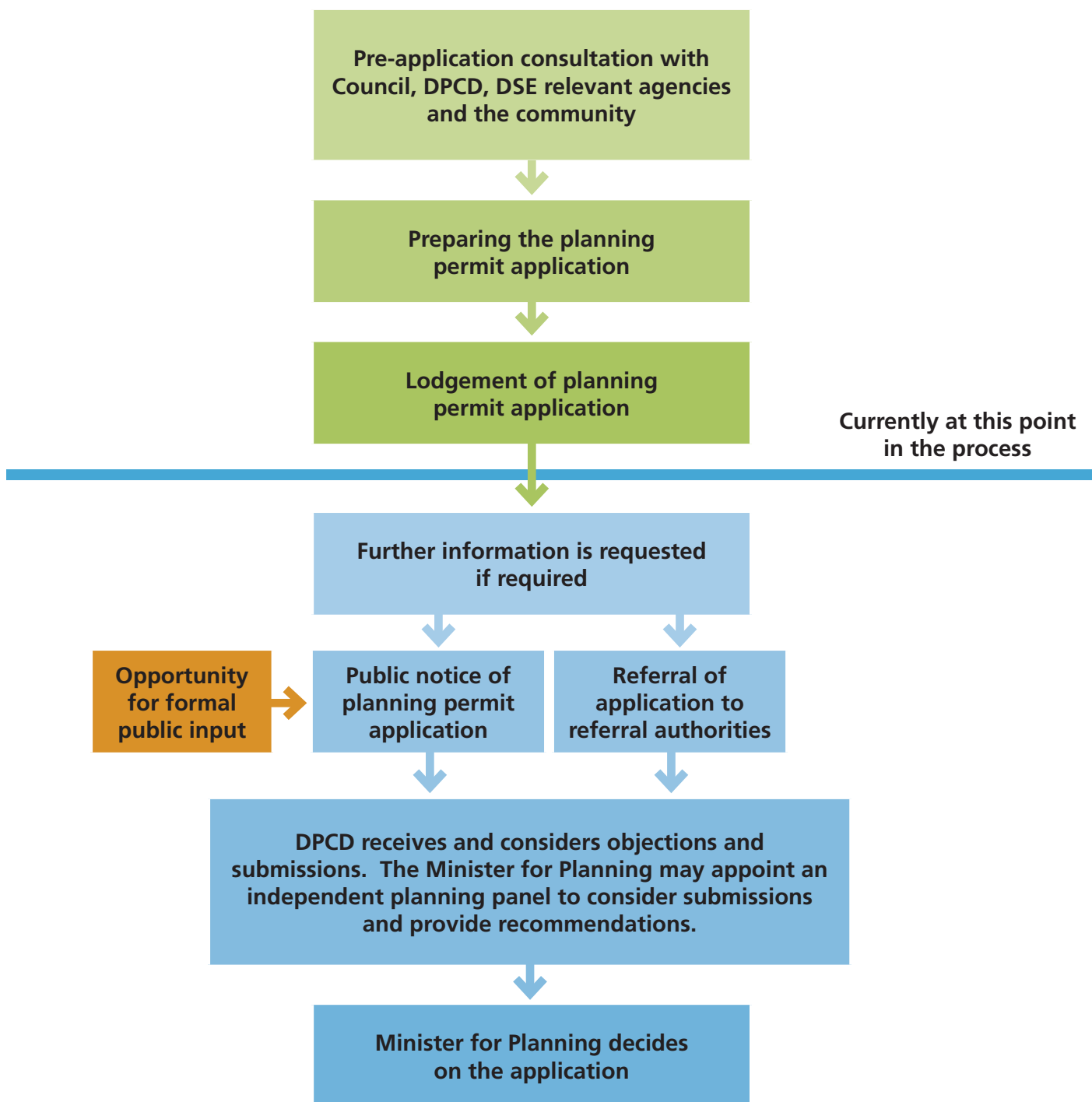
Typically the Minister for Planning will instruct Planning Panels Victoria to convene an independent planning panel to review submissions and make recommendations on the application.

The panel may hold a public hearing for submitters to make a presentation in person. The panel will also hear from expert witnesses and make visits to the site and its surrounds.

The panel will then consider all the submissions, and prepare a report with recommendations for the Minister for Planning. The Minister will then decide whether to grant a planning permit or not. Should the Minister decide to issue a permit, a decision will also be made on what conditions are to be included with the permit.



EXPECTED PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE MOORABOOL WIND PROJECT



For information on planning processes please visit www.dpcd.vic.gov.au or call the Department of Community Development's Grampians Regional office on 5327 2842.

For further information on the project please visit www.w-wind.com.au or call (03) 5330 0200.