

Estates Development and Infrastructure Committee

ESTABLISHMENT

The Estates Development and Infrastructure Committee (EDIC) was established by Council on 6 June 2022.

MEMBERSHIP

Composition	Member	Appointment status
A Chair (member of Council)	Meredith Sussex AM	Appointed
B Chancellor	Hon John Brumby AO	Ex-Officio
C Vice-Chancellor	Professor Theo Farrell	Ex-Officio
D Finance and Resources Committee Chair or nominee	William Whitford	Appointed
E Risk, Safety and Governance Committee Chair or nominee	Vacant	
F Up to Three members of Council with appropriate expertise	Margaret Burdeu Jacqui Savage Paul Hardy	Appointed Appointed Appointed
G External members with commercial, property and financial expertise	Vacant	
In attendance		
Chief Operating Officer	Mark Smith	In attendance
Executive Director, Asset Transformation	Gerard Blood	In attendance
Director Stakeholder Engagement Government Relations	Ashley McInnes	In attendance

The Vice-Chancellor or Chair may invite other persons to attend particular meetings to advise the committee or participate in discussion – it is anticipated that in most cases, the authors of papers or reports will be expected to attend.

PURPOSE

The EDIC as governance committee, constituted by Council, has responsibility to oversee and govern all estate and infrastructure developments undertaken by the University.

The EDIC is only empowered to make decisions in relation to matters delegated to it by the Council (pursuant to Section 18(1)(b) of the La Trobe University Act 2009 (Vic) (LTU Act)). The EDIC will report regularly to Council.

The EDIC will:

1. ensure that its deliberations include consideration of the promotion of sustainability and socially responsible behaviour that reflect the University's broader community objectives with regards to environmental, social and governance issues;
2. consider La Trobe's governance requirements applicable to the relevant issue under consideration, in keeping with the University's Compliance Management Framework;
3. regularly consider the University's Risk Appetite Statement by:
 - a. monitoring the strategic and enterprise risk profiles of all relevant capital projects across all of the University's campuses; and
 - b. ensuring appropriate and effective risk mitigation strategies are in place.
4. monitor the potential impact and opportunities that University developments are likely to have on surrounding communities and other stakeholders and in circumstances where matters are likely to engender controversy or reputational impact for the University, EDIC may determine to refer these to Council.

TERMS OF OFFICE

- A Member in Category A is appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor for a period of three years or until the expiry of their membership of Council (whichever is shorter).
- F, G Members in Category F and G are appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor and the Chair of EDIC for a period of two years.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The responsibilities of the EDIC with respect to La Trobe University City (LUC) related matters are to:
 - a) oversee the University's relationship with its Master Development Partner in line with obligations and responsibilities related to the LUC Masterplan, Business Plan and Strategic Partnering Agreement;
 - b) oversee and review management of the LUC and its performance against the LUC Business Plan, providing direction for corrective actions if required;
 - c) consider the LUC Business Plan and Strategic Partnering Agreement and make recommendations to Council on this Plan and Agreement;
 - d) review and provide direction to management on proposals related to the University's participation in capital projects in line with its delegated authority reflected in Schedule 1;
 - e) consider and advise Council on all matters and responsibilities that fall beyond its delegated authority for the LUC reflected in Schedule 1;
2. In addition to the responsibilities outlined above, EDIC's responsibilities are to:
 - a) consider strategic Masterplans for the University's campuses and recommend these plans to Council for approval;
 - b) in addition to its delegated roles in relation to the LUC Masterplan and Business Plan, review proposed business cases for capital projects in excess of \$5 million arising from other campus Masterplans and as appropriate, recommend to Council for approval via the Finance and Resources Committee to consider in line with the overall LTU Budget Framework;
 - c) Consider reports on the progress of all major capital projects. Reports are to be provided quarterly or as decided;

- d) in addition to its delegated roles in relation to the LUC Masterplan and Business Plan, consider proposals and make recommendations to Council on significant changes to University land holdings outside the LUC including the purchase or sale of University land;
 - a. make recommendations to Council for any projects that are not in accordance with the Masterplans;
- e) consider proposals for amendments to University land holding planning zones and make recommendations to Council as required;
- f) consider proposals for major commercial leases (with a NPV in excess of \$5 million) of significant University landholdings, buildings or facilities;
- g) consider proposals for approval for the naming of University buildings and facilities in accordance with the Naming Rights Policy and make recommendations as required.
- h) endorse and oversee the Stakeholder Engagement Strategies for relevant capital projects across all of the University's campuses.

REPORTING

To **Council** after each meeting.

LIST OF ANY SUB-COMMITTEES

Nil

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

At least 9 times per year or as otherwise required, either in person or electronically.

QUORUM

The Chair and at least three other members.

SECRETARIAT

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DATE OF ISSUE

10 August 2026

Schedule 1 – Delegated Authority Guidelines

Relationship to other documents

This schedule sits with the La Trobe University *Estates Development and Infrastructure Committee Terms of Reference* document and should also be read in conjunction with:

1. The executed **Strategic Partnering Agreement (SPA)** with the Master Development Partner; and
2. The approved **La Trobe University City (LUC) Business Plan** prepared by the Master Development Partner in consultation with La Trobe.

Review

This schedule will be reviewed and updated in line with related changes to the LUC Business Plan.

1. Strategic Partnering Agreement (SPA)

Key relevant aspects of the SPA are set out below. As the umbrella agreement that governs the relationship of the University with its development partner, its purpose is to:

- outline the respective roles and responsibilities.
- establish the governance structure for the project.
- establish the basis on which:
 - o the masterplan refresh occurs;
 - o the business plan gets developed and reviewed;
 - o staging and development occurs (in line with the masterplan and the business plan), to best achieves the project objectives;
 - o Individual Development Agreements (IDA) are entered into;
 - o risk is managed; and
 - o infrastructure is to be delivered and compensated.
- set out the key terms and conditions which will establish the overall principles and parameters to apply to the project overall.
- detail any statutory approvals required to facilitate delivery of the UCoF.

2. La Trobe University City (LUC) Business Plan

The LUC Business Plan is prepared by the Master Development Partner (in consultation with La Trobe University).

The Business Plan covers the following key topics which guide decision making and approvals relating to the University's participation in capital projects arising from the project:

- 1.0 Vision and Objectives
- 2.0 Masterplan
- 3.0 Commercial Strategy

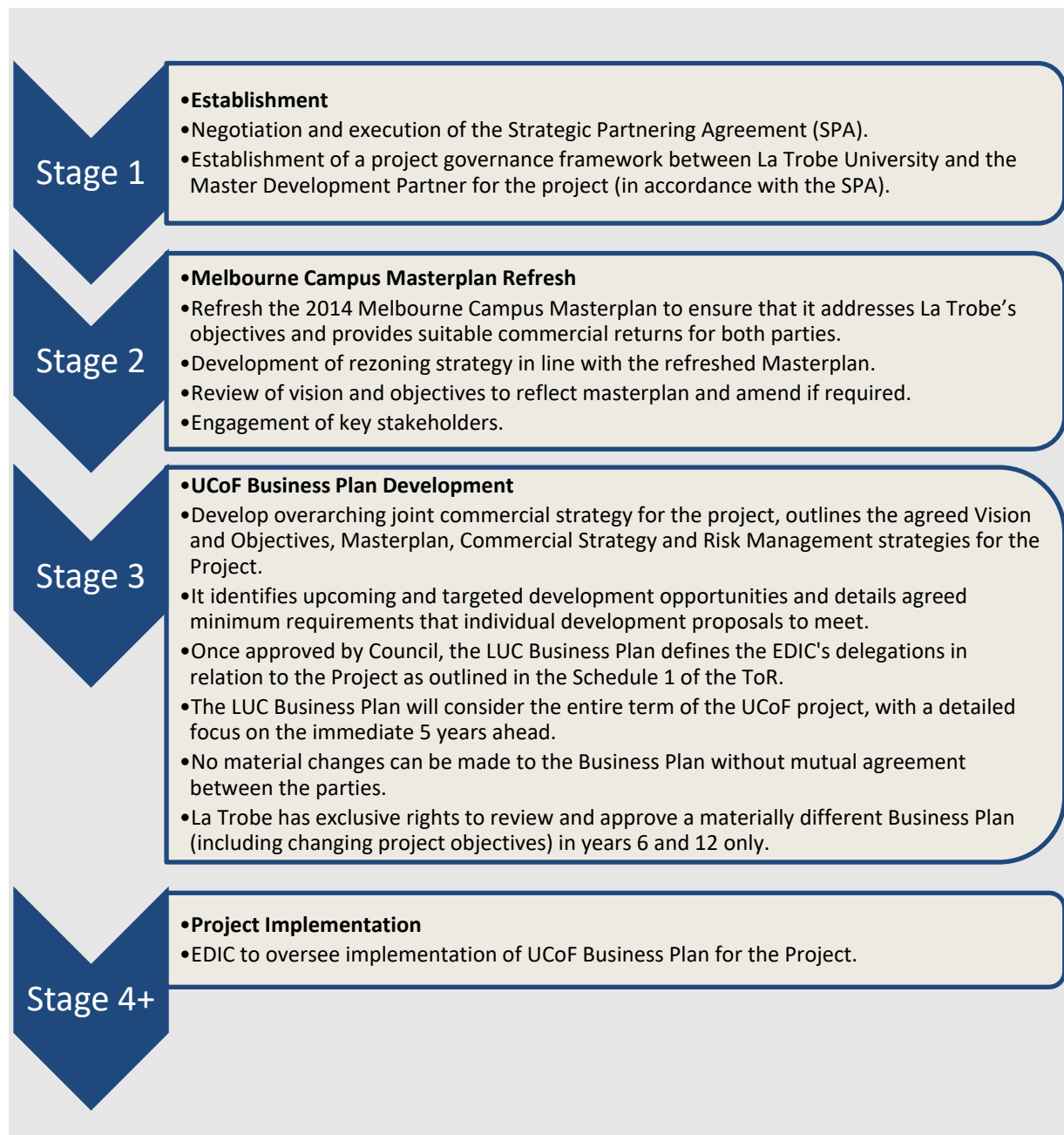
The initial LUC Business Plan will be reviewed and submitted to EDIC for endorsement for Council's approval. Once approved by Council, the key strategies and parameters from the approved Business Plan sets the governance delegations for the project as captured in this schedule.

The Business Plan cannot materially change without mutual agreement between the University and the Master Development Partner. The approved Business Plan is subject to detailed review and approval by La Trobe at the expiration of each 6 year period. La Trobe can only amend or alter the project objectives without the approval of the Master Development Partner at the expiration of each 6 year period.

3. Project Commencement

Upon conferment of the preferred status of the Master Development Partner by the University Council, the

following key tasks will be undertaken to commence the project:



4. Project Governance Delegation

The table below details the relevant governance delegations for matters related to the LUC project (*once the initial LUC Business Plan is approved by Council*):

1.0 Vision and Objectives

		Conforming		Non-Conforming		
		Measure	Approval	Measure	Process	Approval
1.1	Mission and Strategic Direction of the project	Compliance with approved Vision and Objectives as outlined in the approved LUC Business Plan	EDIC	Material changes to the Vision and Objectives	EDIC to review and make recommendations to Council	Council
1.2	Stakeholder Engagement Strategy	Compliance with approved Stakeholder Engagement Strategy as outlined in the approved LUC Business Plan	EDIC	Material changes to Stakeholder Engagement Strategy	EDIC to review and make recommendations to Council	Council

2.0 Masterplan

		Conforming		Non-Conforming		
		Measure	Approval	Measure	Process	Approval
2.1	Masterplan for the project	Compliance with approved Masterplan as outlined in the approved LUC Business Plan	EDIC	Material changes to the Masterplan	EDIC to review and make recommendations to Council	Council
2.2	Planning Scheme Amendments for the project	Compliance with approved Masterplan as outlined in the approved LUC Business Plan	EDIC	Material changes to the Masterplan	EDIC to review and make recommendations to Council	Council

3.0 Commercial Strategy

		Conforming		Non-Conforming		
		Measure	Approval	Measure	Process	Approval
3.1	Targeted returns	Compliance with or above approved targeted returns as defined in the SPA as per LUC Business	EDIC	More than [10%] below approved targeted returns as	EDIC to review and make recommendations to Council	Council

		Plan		defined in the SPA as per UCoF Business Plan		
3.2	Financial Commitments	Compliance with financial commitments considered in the LUC Business Plan	EDIC	Financial commitments not considered or 15% greater than those considered in the LUC Business Plan	EDIC to review and make recommendations to Council	Council
3.3	Land Tenure	Compliance with approved Land Tenure terms set out in the LUC Business Plan	EDIC	Land Tenure terms outside the approved parameters set out in the LUC Business Plan	EDIC to review and make recommendations to Council	Council