

Ballarat Games Village – Site Declaration FAQs

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What does the Ballarat Village site declaration under the *Development Victoria Act 2003* mean for the future of the area?

Declaration of the Project marks the transition of the project from planning to delivery. It gives the appointed delivery agency – Development Victoria – the authority to proceed with the necessary steps required to ensure successful delivery of the project.

Why does this project need to be declared?

The former Ballarat Saleyards is the site of the future Ballarat Games village.

This land, which is Crown Land, has a number of restrictions placed on it, including that it can only be used as a site for the purpose of a livestock saleyard and abattoir.

In order for these restrictions to be revoked, the land needs to first be declared as project land under the *Development Victoria Act 2003 (Vic)*.

What does this declaration entail?

The declaration of the Project under the *Development Victoria Act 2003* provides the appropriate legislative framework for powers to be available for the effective and efficient management, procurement, and delivery of the Project.

This prepares the site for future development by allowing Development Victoria to undertake works on the site such as:

- remediation to prepare the site for future use and deliver a cleaner and more sustainable environment
- connecting utilities to the site
- delivering the Games Village

This is the first step in a pathway to permit the site to be used for purposes other than a saleyard in the future.

When did the Declaration take place?

The declaration was gazetted in the Government Gazette on 1 June 2023 and signifies a key milestone in the development of the Project.

Will surrounding land be compulsorily acquired?

No, there is currently no intention to compulsorily acquire any land for the Ballarat Games village.

How will this affect the site in the long term?

The project includes preparing the site for future development by undertaking works such as remediation, connecting utilities to the site, and delivering the Games village.

Why has this location been chosen?

This site has not been used for around five years and it's right in the heart of a growth area for Ballarat. It's got great potential and we want to unlock that value to benefit the Ballarat community

Why are roads included in this declaration?

The project area includes the surrounding roads to allow the site to be connected to services, and for any services upgrades required.

Will there be impacts on residents and businesses?

We want to ensure there is minimal disruption during these important works, so we will be talking with people and giving everyone plenty of notice if surrounding roads may need to be temporarily closed.

What is being done to reduce the impact on business owners?

We will be talking with businesses and giving everyone plenty of notice of any disruptions, road closures or other impacts they may need to be aware of.

Will any work take place in Victoria Park?

No. Development Victoria does not plan to undertake any work in Victoria Park.

Will access to Victoria Park be impacted?

Development Victoria is not expecting to undertake any activities which will prevent access to the park.

What will be the next phase of work at Ballarat and when?

Early works are planned to commence in coming months to prepare the site for delivery of the village to commence later in the year.

Is there anything within Development Victoria's scope of works that relates directly to the declaration?

The declaration is one of the first formal steps in bringing the Project to fruition. Once the construction management plan has been finalised, more specific details on any impacts to the surrounding roads will be identified. Development Victoria will work with any businesses or people who may be impacted.

I have a question that isn't listed above, how can I find out more?

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