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Dear Jason,

Amendment C238 - Yarra Development Contributions Plan

In response to our discussion on Monday, I have reviewed the project list proposed for the Yarra Development Contributions Plan. As a result of that review, I have removed any project that relates exclusively to repairs or maintenance, provided additional details on other projects and taken the opportunity to combine some projects for clarity. As a consequence the number of projects has been reduced from 891 to 780.

The changes include removing the roof works for the Collingwood Town Hall and all the root barrier works.

On the basis of advice from Council's capital works Manager I can confirm that, the DCP projects list does not contain any recurrent expenditure and that the projects relate to additional or upgraded infrastructure works. In my opinion the projects list is consistent with the Ministerial Guidelines and the Development Contribution Guidelines 2007 which states:

Planning ahead is part of a council's strategic planning and service delivery responsibility. In established urban areas, upgrading the existing infrastructure may be necessary because of the redevelopment of existing sites, changing community expectations, changing standards of provision or the need to replace an existing infrastructure that has reached the end of its economic life.

As you suggested, these changes will be completed prior to exhibition of Amendment C238 and will involve updating the Yarra Development Contributions Plan 2017. This work has already commenced.

I trust that you agree with this approach and these changes and I look forward to authorisation of the amendment speedily progressing. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 9426 5669.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Ballock'.

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