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Dear Mayor

DRAFT PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C283yara – 81-89 RUPERT STREET, COLLINGWOOD

I am writing to you regarding the proposed development at 81-89 Rupert Street, Collingwood, which has been referred to the Minister for Planning by the Building Victoria's Recovery Taskforce (BVRT).

The BVRT has been established to help keep the state's building and development industry running through the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The BVRT invited the development and construction industry to submit applications for the potential fast tracking of planning approvals for projects of state and regional significance that are shovel-ready but experiencing delays. The proposed development at 81-89 Rupert Street, Collingwood, has been identified by the BVRT as one that meets the development facilitation process and criteria, and has subsequently been referred to the Minister for facilitation.

To facilitate the proposed development, the Minister is considering preparing an amendment to the Yarra Planning Scheme under section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to amend the Schedule to Clause 45.12 'Specific Controls Overlay' to apply a Specific Controls Overlay SCO14 to the site, insert the incorporated document 'Walk Up Village, 81-89 Rupert Street, Collingwood – August 2020', and make other associated changes. The amendment would facilitate the development generally as proposed in Yarra planning permit application PLN19/0570 (VCAT reference no. P520/2020). A copy of the draft amendment is enclosed.

The Incorporated Document that forms part of the amendment has been drafted based on the draft conditions outlined in your council's Internal Development Approvals Committee Agenda dated 15 July 2020 and the application information provided by the BVRT.

Before deciding whether to prepare, adopt and approve the proposed amendment, the Minister is seeking the council's views under section 20(5) of the Act about the proposed development of the site and the drafting of the proposed amendment. I would also appreciate being provided with copies of all objections received in relation to the proposal.

Please provide your written statement to stateplanning.services@delwp.vic.gov.au within **ten business days** of the date of this letter.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Matt Cohen, Director of the Development Facilitation Team, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning on 0409 346 522 or at matthew.cohen@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Homewood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Jane Homewood
Executive Director, Statutory Planning Services

27 / 07 / 2020

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