

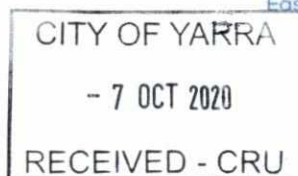


Hon Richard Wynne MP

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Dear Mayor

YARRA PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C284 – EXTENSION OF INTERIM BUILT FORM CONTROLS FOR BRIDGE ROAD, VICTORIA STREET AND COLLINGWOOD SOUTH MIXED-USE PRECINCT

I am writing to advise the council that I have decided to exercise the power under section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to exempt myself from notice requirements, and to prepare, adopt and approve Amendment C284yara to the Yarra Planning Scheme.

The effect of the amendment is to extend the expiry dates of the interim built form controls that apply to the Bridge Road (DDO21) and Victoria Street (DDO22) Activity Centres and to Collingwood South (Mixed Use) Precinct (DDO23) until 30 June 2021.

I am concerned about the length of time that it has taken for the council to progress an amendment to introduce permanent built form controls for these areas. I appreciate that the City of Yarra is experiencing significant development pressure and is carrying out a number of other planning scheme amendments to enable it to manage this change. However, it is important that the community and landowners can make submissions and have their views heard on the planning controls being introduced for these areas.

I am keen to see Yarra City Council consider a simpler, more timely approach to developing and introducing built form controls for its activity centres and mixed use areas. I would be willing to consider appointing an advisory committee to help speed up the council's activity centre and urban design work, advise on suitable interim controls, carry out consultation and provide a more streamlined hearing process for submissions.

I encourage council officers to liaise with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to determine whether the council wishes to support this approach.

Given the length of time that interim controls will have been in place for these areas, I am unlikely to readily approve any further request to extend these controls without permanent controls being prepared or the council seeking an advisory committee process.

The amendment will come into effect when notice of its approval is published in the *Victoria Government Gazette*.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Jane Homewood, Executive Director, Statutory Planning Services, DELWP, on (03) 8683 0975 or email jane.homewood@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Richard Wynne".

HON RICHARD WYNNE MP
Minister for Planning

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