



Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

PO Box 500, East Melbourne,
Victoria 8002 Australia
delwp.vic.gov.au

Ms Vijaya Vaidyanath
Chief Executive Officer
City of Yarra
vijaya.vaidyanath@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Dear Ms Vaidyanath

RIPARIAN LAND IN ALPHINGTON (GLENVILL REDEVELOPMENT SITE)

I refer to recent communications and our meeting of 17 November 2021 about the riparian land at the former Amcor site in Alphington, and your concern about ensuring public access to this land into the future. Other relevant context is Minister D'Ambrosio's July 2019 statement, in response to a Question on Notice, that the land would transfer to the Crown.

In response to your concern and to remain consistent with the Minister's view, I propose the following approach for your consideration:

- The riparian freehold land currently owned by Glenvill Homes will be converted to Crown land (this will occur pursuant to section 30 of the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978*); at the time of transfer to the Crown there should be no encumbrances such as contamination or unwanted assets
- The newly established Crown land will be reserved under the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978* for an appropriate purpose that ensures public access (this is a Governor in Council process)
- The City of Yarra will then be appointed as the Committee of Management for the land under the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978* (this appointment can be made by the Minister or delegate).

The attachment provides a flow chart for the suggested process.

As you know, a commitment from the council to become the Committee of Management is an essential part of this process as the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning is not set up to be a direct manager of land.

Subsequently, the Department and Council as the Committee of Management should also assess if the land should be recommended to be declared as Yarra River land and/or Greater Yarra Urban Parklands under the provisions of the *Yarra River Protection (Wilip-gin Birrarung murrong) Act 2017*.

Please contact me on 0400 818 676 if you would like to discuss this proposed approach.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Chapple
Regional Director Port Phillip

19 / 11 / 2021

Encl.