The Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP

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Dear Mr Tsotsoros

REFERRAL OF DRAFT AMENDMENT C318YARA (CREMORNE URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK) TO THE YARRA ACTIVITY CENTRES STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On 14 July 2026 Yarra City Council resolved to request that I refer draft Amendment C318yara to the Yarra Activity Centres Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) for consideration and advice.

The amendment proposes to implement the Cremorne Urban Design Framework (UDF) by introducing a new local policy, three permanent Design and Development Overlays (DDOs) to implement built form controls on Commercial 2 Zone land, introduce a new schedule to the Parking Overlay and make other associated changes to the Yarra Planning Scheme.

The council has requested that I refer the draft amendment, submissions made to the amendment and council's responses to the submissions, to the SAC in accordance with Stage 2 of the SAC Terms of Reference (December 2025).

The council placed the draft amendment on informal exhibition between 3 November and 5 December 2025 and received 56 submissions including 34 from residents, 15 from landowners and a submission each from Department of Transport and Planning (Transport Services), Melbourne Water and Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

I have decided to refer the draft amendment, including recommended changes endorsed by the council, submissions and council's responses to submissions, to the SAC. I request the SAC provide recommendations on whether the amendment should be approved as proposed by council.

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I also request the SAC's specific advice on the following matters:

- Whether the built form modelling prepared by the council justifies the application of mandatory controls.
- The council's recommended changes to the amendment endorsed on 14 July 2026 including changes made to Schedule 3 of the Parking Overlay as a result of gazettal of Amendment VC277.

For your information, interim Design and Development Overlays 51, 52 and 53 expire on 29 January 2027. I will consider extending the expiry date of these provisions if a request is made by the council.

If you would like more information on this matter, please contact Angela Hughes, Director Metropolitan Planning Services on email [redacted].

Yours sincerely



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Date: 18/10/2026

Enc. Draft amendment, submissions and council's response to submissions.