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Mr Justin Hanney
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Attention: Anne Laing, Strategic Planner, City Strategy
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Dear Mr Hanney

PROPOSED MELBOURNE PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C405melb – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARLTON AND PUNT ROAD OVAL HERITAGE REVIEWS

I refer to your council's application for authorisation to prepare an amendment to the Melbourne Planning Scheme. The amendment proposes to implement the recommendations of the *Carlton Heritage Review 2021* and *Punt Road Oval (Richmond Cricket Ground) Heritage Review 2021*.

Under delegation from the Minister for Planning, in accordance with section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act) I authorise your council as planning authority to prepare the amendment subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to identifying Punt Road Oval as an 'Aboriginal heritage place' in the schedule to the Heritage Overlay:
 - a. Undertake further consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Party; and
 - b. Determine whether the Punt Road Oval is included on the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register and subject to the requirements of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*, consistent with Clause 43.01-10 which provides that 'A heritage place specified in the schedule to this overlay as an Aboriginal heritage place is also subject to the requirements of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*'; and
 - c. Make any consequential changes to the amendment in consultation with DELWP officers.

The amendment must be submitted to the Minister for approval.

The authorisation to prepare the amendment is not an indication of whether or not the amendment will ultimately be supported.

Please note that [Ministerial Direction No. 15](#) sets times for completing steps in the planning scheme amendment process. This includes council:

- giving notice of the amendment within 40 business days of receiving authorisation; and
- before notice of the amendment is given, setting Directions Hearing and Panel Hearing dates with the agreement of Planning Panels Victoria. These dates should be included in the Explanatory Report ([Practice Note 77: Pre-setting panel hearing dates](#) provides information about this step).

The Direction also sets out times for subsequent steps of the process following exhibition of the amendment.

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The Minister may grant an exemption from requirements of this Direction. Each exemption request will be considered on its merits. Circumstances in which an exemption may be appropriate are outlined in [Advisory Note 48: Ministerial Direction No.15 – the planning scheme amendment process](#).

In accordance with sections 17(3) and (4) of the Act, the amendment must be submitted to the Minister **at least 10 business days** before council first gives notice of the amendment.

Please submit the amendment electronically using the Amendment Tracking System (ATS).

If you have any further queries in relation to this matter, please contact Lauren Peek, Senior Planner, State Planning Services, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, at lauren.peek@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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Dated: 14 January 2022

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