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Mr Justin Hanney
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Attention: Katherine Smart, Strategic Planner, City Strategy
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Dear Mr Hanney

PROPOSED MELBOURNE PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C403MELB – NORTH MELBOURNE HERITAGE REVIEW

I refer to your council's application for authorisation to prepare the above amendment to the Melbourne Planning Scheme. The amendment proposes to implement the recommendations of the *North Melbourne Heritage Review 2022* on a permanent basis.

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 exhibition, unless otherwise agreed in writing with Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), amend the North and West Melbourne Statement of Significance in accordance with the guidance in Appendix A: *Statement of Significance in the Planning Practice Note 1: Applying the Heritage Overlay* and to follow the appropriate 'track change' format.
2. Prior to exhibition, unless otherwise agreed in writing with DELWP, amend the proposed 'areas map' in the North and West Melbourne Statement of Significance to focus on the HO3 area and reduce the extent of other heritage overlay areas shown within the wider City of Melbourne.

I strongly encourage officers from your council to discuss changes to the North and West Melbourne Statement of Significance with DELWP officers in advance of formally submitting the amendment documentation for exhibition.

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:

1. giving notice of the amendment within 40 business days of receiving authorisation; and
2. 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 Hannah Pascoe, Senior Planner, State Planning Services by email at hannah.pascoe@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Cox', written in a cursive style.

Steven Cox
Manager, State Planning Services

5 May 2022