



## Department of Transport and Planning

Ms Alison Leighton  
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Melbourne City Council

Attention: Dana Foenander  
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Dear Ms Leighton

### **PROPOSED MELBOURNE PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C426MELB – SOUTH YARRA HERITAGE REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION**

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 *South Yarra Heritage Review August 2022* on a permanent basis.

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

1. Unless otherwise agreed in writing with Department of Transport and Planning officers:
  - (a) Prior to exhibition, the council must obtain consent from the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation to include information about Aboriginal cultural heritage in the South Yarra Heritage Review August 2022;
  - (b) Prior to exhibition the council must revise the amendment documentation (including the maps) to ensure that the documentation is consistent (for example the maps reflect the proposed changes to the ordinance).
  - (c) Prior to exhibition the council must revise the Explanatory Report to address the comments made in the *Explanatory Report – DTP comments* version provided to the council on 22 February 2023.

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.

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 Emmy Hickman, Planner, State Planning Services, Transport and Planning via email at [emmy.hickman@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:emmy.hickman@delwp.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



**Steven Cox**  
**Manager, State Planning Services**

**22 February 2023**