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Mr Evan Granger
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Dear Mr Granger,

Sandown Racecourse Advisory Committee

The Minister for Planning appointed the Sandown Racecourse Advisory Committee (the Committee) on 2 March 2024 to consider draft Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme Amendment C229gdan that relates to a proposal to redevelop the Sandown Racecourse through a Comprehensive Development Plan and a Development Contributions Plan.

The Committee comprises:

- Kathy Mitchell AM (Chair)
- William O'Neil, Deputy Chair
- Geoff Underwood, Deputy Chair
- Rob Adams AM, Member
- Noelene Duff PSM, Member
- Peter Edwards, Member.

The Committee will be supported by Chris Brennan, Senior Project Officer, Planning Panels Victoria. Mr Brennan will be the key point of contact throughout this process.

The Minister for Planning signed the attached Terms of Reference for this Committee on 2 March 2024.

The Terms of Reference provide the opportunity for a four-stage process to consider this matter.

- Stage 1 – Initial assessment (Clauses 15 to 17)
- Stage 2 – Public consultation (Clauses 18 to 22)
- Stage 3 – Public hearing (Clauses 23 to 30)
- Stage 4 – Outcomes (Clauses 31 to 32).

All members have declared no known conflicts of interest with this proposal. For noting, the Chair was the chair for the Moonee Valley redevelopment proposal in 2013 and the Flemington Hill proposal in 2015. Both matters had a two-stage process not dissimilar to these Terms of Reference.

In terms of Stage 1 for this matter, the Committee is keen to convene an inception meeting with nominated parties as below (and as noted in Clause 20 of the Terms of Reference) to consider relevant information and documents in order to gain an understanding of the proposal and the Amendment.

In this regard, the Committee seeks to meet with the following parties or their representatives:

- Proponent - the Melbourne Racing Club
- City of Greater Dandenong
- Department of Transport and Planning (State Planning Services)
- Head, Transport for Victoria
- Melbourne Water

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- Heritage Victoria
- Environment Protection Authority
- Victorian School Building Authority
- Traditional Owners Group
- Racing Victoria.

This meeting will be held from 2.15pm to 4.15pm on Monday, 18 March 2024 in Hearing Room 2 at Planning Panels Victoria, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne. Participants also have the option to attend by video if preferred by using the following Microsoft Teams link: [REDACTED]

The Committee seeks an overview from the Proponent about the proposal at this inception meeting. Further, and at a high level, the Committee seeks to briefly understand how the proposal will assist to deliver on the Government's recent Housing Statement and other policy, as well as matters set out in the Terms of Reference. Other parties will be invited to briefly highlight their positions or issues about the proposal, based on known issues.

If considered necessary, the Committee will provide a 'Request for Further Information' from its review of the available information and from the inception meeting. The Committee will prepare a timeline for all aspects of its processes, including the request for further information, public exhibition and public hearings.

Any material received will be recorded as public documents.

Please advise Mr Brennan (planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au) of your interest and availability to attend this inception meeting and the names and positions of those attending.

There is no need to sign in at the concierge desk to access Hearing Room 2.

Yours sincerely



Kathy Mitchell AM
Chair, Sandown Racecourse Advisory Committee