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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.

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.