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Dear Ms Mitchell AM

DEVELOPMENT FACILITATION PROGRAM – 6 ECCLES STREET, WARRNAMBOOL

I refer to draft Planning Scheme Amendment C212 to the Warrnambool Planning Scheme affecting land at 6 Eccles Street, Warrnambool. The proposal has been considered by the Development Facilitation Program (DFP), which has deemed that it meets relevant criteria and should be prioritised for accelerated assessment and determination.

I am considering whether to prepare, adopt and approve draft Amendment C212 to the Warrnambool Planning Scheme and exempt myself under section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (PE Act) from the requirements of section 17, 18 and 19 of the PE Act and the Regulations.

Draft Amendment C212 proposes to apply a Specific Controls Overlay (SCO) and associated Incorporated Document titled 'Midfield Key Work Accommodation Village – 6 Eccles Street, Warrnambool' to land at 6 Eccles Street, Warrnambool, to facilitate the use and development of the land for key work housing.

Specifically, the amendment seeks to:

- Insert Schedule 7 to the Specific Controls Overlay.
- Amend the Schedule to Clause 45.12.
- Amend the Schedule to Clause 72.04.

To inform my decision about whether to prepare, adopt and approve draft Amendment C212, I undertook consultation under section 20(5) of the PE Act. The parties consulted included Warrnambool City Council, Environment Protection Authority, VicTrack, Country Fire Authority, Pacific National and surrounding properties. A total of eight submissions, including five objections, have been received.

The main objector concerns relate to traffic and car parking, site access, housing density, public safety, amenity, suitability of buffer distances and construction impacts.

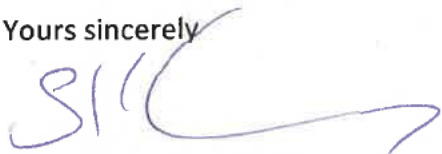
I have determined to refer the matter to the Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee for advice and recommendations on whether I should prepare, adopt and approve draft Amendment C212. I request that the committee's specific advice be constrained to the themes summarised above and consideration be given to considering the submissions on the papers.

The draft amendment documentation, including the application and supporting documents, and submissions will be provided to the committee.

The cost of the committee process will be met by the Midfield Group.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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