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Dear Mr Wimbush

### **Greater Dandenong Major Pipelines and Prescribed Waste Land Fill Facilities**

Thank you for allowing Council the opportunity to provide initial comments to assist with the preparation of the proposed Discussion Paper.

Council has two matters it wishes to raise for consideration by the Advisory Committee. The first of these is the Taylors Road Land Fill (Dandenong South) which is licensed to take prescribed wastes and is of State significance as one of the only facilities in the state to be able to take Category B prescribed waste. The facility has been operating for approximately twenty years. When it commenced it was in a non urban rural setting. The facility is now situated in industrially zoned land and less than 1 kilometre from residentially zoned land within the City of Casey.

Council would like the Advisory Committee to consider the merit of VPP based buffers to limit the intrusion of sensitive uses in the interface areas surrounding facilities such as the Taylors Road Land Fill.

The second matter stems from the fact that the City Greater Dandenong has several major oil and gas pipelines traversing its municipal area, each with different requirements and buffer distances.

In 2013, Energy Safe Victoria contacted Council raising its concerns over potential development near the pipelines. This prompted Council to write to each of the pipeline licensees requesting information on how best to ensure they are notified when planning permit applications are received which could affect major pipelines. Each licensee has since provided the required measurement length and specified the type of application which they would like to review. The requirements vary significantly according to the type of pipeline. Unfortunately this would require a complex internal process to arrange for the relevant applications to be referred to the licensees. After some consideration Council had to advise that referring each application as per

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the criteria set by the licensees was not workable as it would require considerable Council resources. Council will continue to meet the referral requirements as specified in *Clause 66 Referral and Notice Provisions* of the *Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme*. This however will not meet the needs of many of the pipeline licensees.

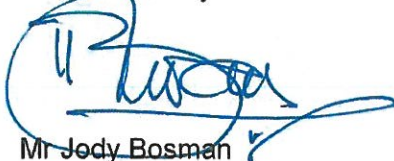
Council has encouraged Energy Safe Victoria to continue to advocate for the Victorian Planning Provisions to be amended to formalise the requirement to refer applications to the major pipeline licensees.

Council recommends the participation of Energy Safe Victoria in the Advisory Committees work if they have not already been named as a participant. And that the Advisory Committee considers amending the Victorian Planning Provisions to formalise the requirement to refer applications to the major pipeline licensees.

As a final point, local governments need to be confident that the mapping of the pipelines is accurate. The mapping data provided by some of the licensees indicates significant discrepancies between their locations and that shown on VicMaps. Council has requested that Energy Safe Victoria continue to advocate on behalf of local government to ensure the mapping data provided by the State Government is as accurate as possible. If the Advisory Committee could also investigate the accuracy mapping data as part of its discussion on changes to systems and regulatory frameworks.

Should you have any further queries, please contact Warren Wood, Team Leader, Strategic Planning by phone on 8571-1442.

Yours sincerely



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