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Dear Mr Wimbush

DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE HUME PLANNING SCHEME – CRAIGIEBURN WEST PRECINCT STRUCTURE PLAN – REFERRAL OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE VPA PROJECTS STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

I refer to the proposed Craigieburn West Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) amendment to the Hume Planning Scheme, which facilitates the use and development of the land for commercial, retail, residential, and a mix of other uses generally in accordance with the Craigieburn West PSP.

The VPA has committed to delivering a fast-track planning program to assist with Victoria's post coronavirus (COVID-19) economic recovery over the next financial year.

On 17 July 2020, I established a streamlined planning process, including the establishment of the VPA Projects Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) to independently review unresolved submissions, including discrete issues, received through the VPA streamlined engagement process.

Between 17 November 2020 and 18 December 2020, the VPA undertook a targeted public consultation process for the Craigieburn West PSP and the associated planning scheme amendment. The consultation included landowners and occupiers within 500 metres of, and within, the Craigieburn West PSP, Commonwealth and Victorian Government agencies, Ministers prescribed under section 19(1)(c) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and Hume City Council. The VPA held a virtual drop-in session and responded to phone calls and emails during the consultation period.

I have decided to refer all unresolved submissions to the VPA Projects SAC for advice and recommendations in accordance with the SAC's terms of reference.

I have also enclosed a submissions summary table, prepared by the VPA, which provides an analysis of each submission, including summaries of the issues raised and a significance rating to assist the SAC with its proceedings.

The SAC should consider the submissions in the manner it sees fit in accordance with its terms of reference. I note the terms of reference enable the committee to adopt an approach that is 'fit for purpose' and that this could involve consideration of issues of lesser significance 'on the papers'.

I am advised the VPA will continue to seek to resolve matters with submitters and it will advise the SAC if further matters are resolved.

Please find enclosed some of the supporting documents required by clause 13 of the terms of reference for the VPA Projects SAC. The VPA will provide the remaining documents in due course.

I encourage the SAC to undertake its work in the most efficient way and to act promptly in light of the significance of the proposed project and its role in assisting Victoria's post coronavirus economic recovery.



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If you would like further information about this matter, please email Dr Jane Homewood, Executive Director, Statutory Planning Services, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, at jane.homewood@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Encl. Craigieburn West PSP Amendment submissions summary table
Craigieburn West PSP Public consultation report