

The Hon Richard Wynne MP, Minister for Planning

Response to the Social Housing Renewal Standing Advisory Committee

I referred the proposed planning provision changes to the Social Housing Renewal Standing Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) for the following site for review and consideration: **Walker Street, Northcote.**

To inform the Advisory Committee's deliberations, consultation with key stakeholders, residents, landowners and other Victorian Government bodies was undertaken. The Advisory Committee has now submitted its recommendations and I have considered the issues raised.

Advisory Committee recommendation

Minister for Planning response

Report 5 – Walker Street, Northcote (10 November 2017)

- **Apply the Residential Growth Zone to the site, with a tailored schedule to reflect the heights proposed as mandatory in Development Plan Overlay Schedule 13**
Not supported
The application of the Mixed Use Zone is more appropriate given the building envelopes (up to 8 storeys) provided for in Development Plan Overlay – Schedule 13. The Residential Growth Zone is more suited to less intensive development. Non-residential uses on the site can be appropriately managed by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- **DHHS and Council work together to determine an appropriate location for a pedestrian/cycle path and to facilitate the rehabilitation of the Merri Creek reserve abutting the site.**
Support
Development Plan Overlay – Schedule 13 includes reference to the location of the new path. I have written to the Department of Health and Human Services and Darebin City Council to encourage the parties to resolve this issue.
- **Amend the Development Plan Overlay Schedule 13 in accordance with the Committee's recommended version contained in Appendix D of this report.**
Support in part
I have amended Development Plan Overlay – Schedule 13 to ensure its compliance with Ministerial Direction on the *Form and Content of Planning Schemes*, remove duplication of requirements and to improve clarity, readability and consistency of requirements. Development Plan Overlay – Schedule 13 includes a requirement to submit a Community Engagement Report.



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