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Dear Ms Mitchell

CALL IN OF VCAT PROCEEDINGS P1539/2020, P1631/2020, P1637/2020 AND P1644/2010 AT 7 SELWYN STREET, ELSTERNWICK

I refer to the above Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) proceedings, which relate to the proposed development of the Jewish Arts Quarter building at 7 Selwyn Street, Elsternwick. The project has been considered by the Development Facilitation Program (DFP), which has deemed it to meet relevant criteria for accelerated assessment and determination.

I advise that I have decided to call in the proceedings from VCAT under Clause 58(2)(a) of Schedule 1 to the *Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998*. I have also decided to refer the matter to the Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) for advice and recommendations about whether a planning permit should be issued and, if so, the appropriate conditions that should be imposed. I ask that the Priority Projects SAC consider how the project aligns with planning policy relating to settlement, amenity, the built environment and heritage, economic development, transport, and social and cultural infrastructure. Additionally, I ask for specific advice about the suitability of the building height, setbacks and design quality; the acceptability of any overshadowing impacts; as well as the appropriateness of there being no on-site car parking proposed. The cost of the advisory committee will be met by the applicant.

On 4 September 2020, the Glen Eira City Council issued a notice of decision to grant a planning permit. The council's decision was generally consistent with the recommendation of council officers, except for an additional condition requiring the building height to be reduced to align with the preferred building height provisions of the Design and Development Overlay Schedule 10, which relates to the Elsternwick Activity Centre. Following the council issuing its planning approval, four separate objector proceedings were lodged with VCAT under section 82 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. The matters raised by the objectors generally relate to design and neighbourhood character, heritage, amenity impacts (particularly overshadowing and equitable development considerations), as well as traffic and car parking. A compulsory conference was scheduled for 2 March 2021, with a hearing scheduled from 28 June to 9 July 2021.

If you have any questions 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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