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Dear Mr Beaumont,

**Regional Parks Standing Advisory Committee – Request for further information**

On behalf of the Advisory Committee, I'd like to thank you and the relevant DELWP staff for your assistance with the recent information sessions held on 12, 13, and 14 June 2018. We believe that it was a worthwhile process that was greatly assisted by the contribution from DELWP Environment and Planning Groups, Parks Victoria, the Victorian Planning Authority, the City of Casey and the other organisations that were represented.

As you may be aware, a number of attendees raised issues related to the configuration of the parks and their intended use. While some of these issues are addressed in the Planning Reports and other background material that have been made available, the Advisory Committee believes that some further information would be of assistance in order to better inform stakeholders and to assist the Advisory Committee with its deliberations.

In particular, the Advisory Committee believes that there should be additional material to demonstrate that the sites are 'fit for purpose', including indicative concept plans for the three regional parks. As you will be aware, the City of Casey prepared an Indicative Plan for the Clyde Park Sports Precinct that is included in its planning report. This has been useful exercise and is one that we believe should be undertaken for the three regional parks.

The concept plans might show indicative locations and site areas for key elements such as:

- Conservation areas with limited or no public access
- Passive recreation areas
- Areas that might be unsuitable for public access because of site conditions such as flooding, contamination etc
- Major vehicular and pedestrian access points
- Car parking infrastructure
- On-site maintenance areas
- Visitor facilities
- Any other significant facilities or infrastructure that might be provided.

The purpose of the concept plans would be to demonstrate that the parks are of a suitable size and appropriate configuration for their intended use. They would be indicative plans and would not be determinative of how the parks will be developed in the future.

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The concept plans will then be made available as part of the public information package and be published on the DELWP Regional Parks web page. The plans will need to be accompanied by suitable explanatory material that explains their purpose and limitations.

In addition, the Advisory Committee would be assisted by a better understanding of how the three proposed regional park boundaries were derived, particularly the Koroit Creek proposal that has a comparatively irregular shape and crosses a number of existing lot boundaries. As with the concept plans, this material will be made publicly available.

The Advisory Committee has raised these matters with you now rather than at the Directions Hearing so that there is adequate time for this information to be prepared and be considered by parties prior to the Public Hearing. The Advisory Committee requests that this information be prepared and circulated prior to the Directions Hearing, scheduled for the week commencing 6 August 2018. Depending on the issues raised in submissions, the Advisory Committee will use the Directions Hearing to identify any further information that will be required.

The Advisory Committee will note at the Directions Hearing that it has requested this information and that it will be made publicly available upon receipt. If any submitter needs to add to their submission once they have reviewed this information, they will be provided with that opportunity.

The Advisory Committee would appreciate advice on when the concept plans and further 'boundary' information could be made available and is able to respond to any questions that you might have about these matters. There will also be an opportunity to raise any procedural, information and evidence related matters at the Directions Hearing.

If you have any queries, please contact Ms Andrea Harwood, Senior Project Manager of Planning Panels Victoria 03 8392 5123 or [andrea.harwood@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:andrea.harwood@delwp.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Kirsch', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

**Michael Kirsch**

Chair, Regional Parks Standing Advisory Committee