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Dear Ms Mitchell

REFERRAL OF MATTERS TO THE DISTINCTIVE AREAS AND LANDSCAPES STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In accordance with the terms of reference for the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Standing Advisory Committee (amended November 2021), I am writing to refer certain matters relating to the Draft Bellarine Peninsula Statement of Planning Policy (SPP). I enclose the terms of reference for your information.

Matters referred

- Whether all protected settlement boundaries designated in the Draft Bellarine Peninsula Statement of Planning Policy are appropriate, having regard to the purpose of a SPP under section 46AU of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*; and whether any amendments to those protected settlement boundaries should be made; and
- All relevant public submissions made in relation to the protected settlement boundaries.

Without limiting its powers under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, including the power to regulate its own proceedings, in order to facilitate appropriate public participation in its proceedings and its purpose in providing timely advice on the matters referred, the Committee should consider whether to adopt any of the following hearing procedures:

- 1) Limiting verbal submissions from submitters who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to expand verbally on the received written submission to a specified time limit which the Committee considers appropriate.
- 2) Regulation of evidence in chief and cross examination to balance efficiency and fairness; and limitation of evidence and cross examination to matters which are of interest or importance to the Committee, and to avoid repetition.
- 3) Cross examination of all witnesses to be regulated as determined necessary by the Committee.
- 4) Directing that submitters focus only on the matter of the designation and location of a protected settlement boundary as per their referred submission.

I have written to Cr Stephanie Asher, Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong, and Cr Ross Ebbels, Mayor of the Borough of Queenscliffe to inform them of this referral.

If you require further information please contact Andrew Gear, Executive Director, Planning Implementation and Heritage, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning on 0437 745 563 or via email andrew.gear@delwp.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely


HON RICHARD WYNNE MP
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