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Dear Ms Mitchell

CALL IN OF VCAT PROCEEDING P779/2021 AT 215-219 ALBION STREET, BRUNSWICK

I refer to the above Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) proceeding, which relates to the proposed Nightingale Albion development at 215-219 Albion Street, Brunswick. The project has been considered by the Development Facilitation Program (DFP), which has deemed it to meet relevant criteria and should be prioritised for accelerated assessment and determination.

I advise that I have decided to call in the proceeding 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 for advice and recommendations about whether a planning permit should be issued and, if so, the appropriate conditions that should be imposed.

On 8 April 2021, the Moreland City Council issued a notice of decision to grant a planning permit. Following the council issuing its planning approval, an objector appeal was lodged with VCAT under section 82 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. The matters raised by the objector primarily relate to building height, overdevelopment of the site, amenity impacts, building design and setbacks, traffic and car parking (including deliveries and loading bays), impacts to the public realm, and a lack of due process by the council, although a range of other matters have also been raised. A compulsory conference was scheduled for 11 October 2021, with a hearing scheduled on 16–17 December 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

HON RICHARD WYNNE MP
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