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Dear Ms Mitchell

**CALL IN OF VICTORIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL PROCEEDING P446/2020 –  
LOT 6 MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY, ECHUCA**

I refer to the above Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) proceeding no. P446/2020 for the proposed use and development of the land for a 24-hour service station including a convenience restaurant and associated internally illuminated business identification signage in the Commercial 2 Zone and Design and Development Overlay Schedule 3, creation of access to a Road Zone Category 1 in accordance with Clause 52.29 and the removal of native vegetation (three trees) in accordance with Clause 52.17 at Lot 6 Murray Valley Highway, Echuca. The project was referred to me by the Building Victoria's Recovery Taskforce.

I advise that I have decided to call in the proceeding from VCAT under Clause 58(2)(a) of 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 on appropriate permit conditions that should be imposed.

On 18 March 2020, an objector lodged an application for review under section 82 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. VCAT held a compulsory conference on 10 August 2020 and did not resolve the matter. The substantive hearing is scheduled to commence on 1 February 2021. Notice of the application was given. There are three parties to the proceeding: the applicant, the council and one objector who is representing four other objectors. Objector concerns as outlined in their statement of grounds relate to the proximity of the proposal to educational facilities, 24-hour service station operation, amenity impacts, inaccurate reports submitted with the application proposal and concerns about the council's assessment of the application.

The cost of the advisory committee will be met by the applicant, Echuca West Holdings (BPG) Pty Ltd.

If you would like more information 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](mailto:jane.homewood@delwp.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

**HON RICHARD WYNNE MP**  
Minister for Planning

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