Department Response to ACSAC Recommendations



In August 2024, the Minister for Planning appointed the Activity Centres Standing Advisory Committee (Committee) to provide advice on specific matters relating to the Activity Centres Program (ACP) – an initiative of *Victoria's Housing Statement, The decade ahead, 2024-2034*.

The objective of the Activity Centres Program is to introduce clear planning controls in and around 10 activity centres capable of delivering an additional 60,000 homes. These activity centres are Broadmeadows, Camberwell Junction, Chadstone, Epping, Frankston, Moorabbin, Niddrie (Keilor Road), North Essendon, Preston (High Street) and Ringwood.

The Activity Centre Program seeks to implement the new planning controls within a short timeframe to enable housing delivery to promptly respond to Victoria's housing needs.

Scope

A total of 11 referrals were made to the Committee, with 1 referral regarding the new header provisions, 1 referral regarding common matters applicable to all activity centres and 9 referrals for each place specific centre.

The scope of the Committee was limited to providing advice on specific referred matters to enable the Committee to provide timely advice that could facilitate the prompt introduction of the proposed planning controls.

The Committee's Terms of Reference required it to provide consistent advice for activity centre planning and outcomes in relation to the Activity Centres Program.

To inform the provision of advice, the Committee was referred a range of materials, including the following:

- Draft Activity Centre Plans for each activity centre
- Draft Walkable Catchment Zone (WCZ)¹
- Draft schedule to the Built Form Overlay (BFO)²
- Draft Urban Design Background Report
- City of Centres Report
- Select submissions which were relevant to each referral.

Consultation

A range of consultation was undertaken with the community, local councils, industry groups and key stakeholders to inform preparation of the Activity Centre Plans and the planning controls. Select submissions received during consultation that were relevant to each referral were provided to the SAC for their consideration.

This valuable feedback from consultation was also considered by the Department alongside the SAC referral advice when determining the response to these matters and corresponding changes to the Activity Centre Plans and the planning controls.

Recommendations

The Committee provided its report to the Minister for Planning in November 2024. Its recommendations were organised under the referral matters, as summarised in the tables below, and these related to both the Activity Centre Plans and the proposed planning controls

Department's response

The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) considered all the recommendations made by the Committee alongside the consultation feedback from the community, local councils, industry groups and key stakeholders and made a range of changes to improve the Activity Centre Plans and the relevant planning controls.

DTP broadly accepts the Committee's recommendations regarding the referred matters and notes that the final form of the planning controls provided for in Amendments GC252 were refined and developed by reference to the Committee's reports.

DTP acknowledges that the Committee had a limited timeframe and scope to consider the matters referred to it and the Committee's findings therefore should be interpreted within that context. Accordingly, DTP have considered these findings alongside other considerations outside the scope of the referral, including feedback from community and stakeholder groups.

DTP further acknowledges the Committee's view that the intent of the catchment zone could be achieved through the use of existing zones, however it was considered that existing zones do not sufficiently encourage land consolidation and housing delivery around activity centres.

A summary of the Committee's findings and the DTP response to each matter are outlined in the table below.

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Department of Transport and Planning

Standing Advisory Committee Report recommendations – New header provisions (SAC Report 1)

#	Matter	Advice sought	Key findings	Action
Built Form C	Overlay	·		
1.	The purposes listed in the overlay	 The overlay is proposed to only be applied in areas designated for built form intensification, please advise whether: the purposes should be amended to include a specific purpose enabling diverse and affordable housing, noting the potential broadscale application of the overlay across metropolitan Melbourne the draft purposes sufficiently guide a responsible authority's discretion. 	With some amendments, the purposes of the BFO will sufficiently	Supported in part provisions have been redrafted, but not always to match the committee's recommendations. Affordable housing is not solely a land use issue and can be influenced by the BFO therefore reference in the purpose is considered appropriate.
2.	The Development Framework	The proposed provision seeks a map or maps to be prepared which express the strategic considerations of an activity centre. Please advise whether the proposed instrument will be beneficial in guiding a responsible authority's discretion.	Changes are needed to the BFO to ensure Development Frameworks will be beneficial in guiding discretion.	Supported in principle The list of information that may be contained in a development framework has been refined to support the operation of the BFO and accompanying schedules.
3.	Master planned sites	The proposed provision seeks to guide development outcomes on identified sites. Please advise whether the provision will	Changes are needed to the BFO to ensure master plans will be beneficial in guiding discretion.	Supported in principle The provision has been refined to address the committee's recommendations.

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		be beneficial in guiding a responsible authority's discretion for such sites.		
4.	benefit framework	 The proposed provision provides a mechanism for planning authorities to prepare and incorporate a community benefit framework (CBF) [now named Benefit Uplift Framework] into the scheme. Please advise whether: the provision is suitably drafted to achieve the provision's intended purpose the provision is suitably drafted to facilitate affordable housing it would be reasonable to amend the provision to: only apply in circumstances that a 	The provision is suitably drafted to facilitate affordable housing. It is not reasonable to amend the provision to only apply in circumstances where a deemed to comply standard is not met.	Supported in principle The provision has been refined to address the committee's recommendations.
		 deemed to comply standard (compared to a mandatory standard) is not met, and only facilitate affordable housing, commensurate to how much it exceeds the standard drafting sufficiently reflects the intended purpose. 	housing (and no other community benefits).	
5.	outcomes and standards	The proposed overlay seeks to apply outcomes and standards. Please advise whether the proposed application of outcomes and standards will be beneficial in guiding a responsible authority's decision making.	Changes are needed to the BFO operational provision and to the outcomes and standards themselves to ensure they will be effective in guiding decision making. There is a risk that the overuse of deemed to comply standards will result in poor outcomes.	Supported in principle, The provision has been refined to address the committee's recommendations.
6.	provisions	The public open space contribution mechanism integrated within the provision intends to override the provisions of Clause 53.01.	The integration of the open space provision within the BFO simplifies the interpretation of open space requirements for permit applicants and responsible authorities.	Supported

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		Please advise whether the integration of the open space provision within the overlay simplifies the interpretation of open space requirements for permit applicants and responsible authorities.		
Built Form	overlay			
7.	Locally responsive design Overlay head clause dealing with landscaping as shown in Appendix D:1.	Please advise whether the proposed controls, in combination with the other, existing elements of the planning scheme are capable of facilitating landscaping/tree canopy and locally responsive design outcomes and are suitably drafted.		
Walkable	Catchment Zone	ا (now known as Housing Choice and Transport Zoı	ne)	
1.	The purpose of the zone	The zone is proposed to be applied in areas designated for built form intensification. Please advise whether the draft purposes sufficiently guide a responsible authority's discretion.	sufficiently guide discretion. The Committee recommends the WCZ purposes be more tailored to the activity centre context	Supported in principle, The purpose of the HCTZ has been refined to include reference to the activity centre context. In addition to the activity centre context, the HCTZ can be applied to other well-serviced locations (for example around train stations) and this is also reflected in the purpose of the zone.
2.	Building heights	Please advise whether:	It is not possible to advise whether the metrics of the proposed building	Not supported,

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		 the building height thresholds for above and below 1000sgm are appropriate 	heights are appropriate. They will apply in a wide range of contexts, and their appropriateness will depend on local factors. In the absence of strategic justification for a mandatory three storey height limit for smaller sites, the limit should be discretionary. With changes, the building height provision should facilitate more intense development in the catchments, but the Committee is concerned it may not result in locally responsive design and good planning	The HCTZ specifies mandatory maximum building heights for dwellings, small second dwellings and residential buildings. It is anticipated that the building height and large site provisions in the zone will be sufficient to encourage greater housing development and increased densities around activity centres.
3.	Locally responsive design	Please advise whether the proposed controls, in combination with the other, existing elements of the planning scheme are capable of facilitating landscaping/tree canopy and locally responsive design outcomes and are suitably drafted.	landscaping or tree canopy outcomes. The WCZ will only facilitate locally responsive design outcomes to a limited extent. Other planning tools that apply within the catchments may facilitate locally responsive design, provided they are retained. The WCZ should not be applied to	Supported in part, The HCTZ in combination with other existing planning tools wil facilitate locally responsive designs and landscaping or tree canopy outcomes. The spatial application of the HCTZ varies in each centre. The methodology and justification for applying the HCTZ is discussed in SAC reports 2- 11.

Note: The title of "Walkable Catchment Zone" has been replaced since the Committee's review to be the "Housing Choice and Transport Zone" (HCTZ).



Standing Advisory Committee Report recommendation – Common matters (SAC Report 2)

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1.	Deemed to comply, mandatory and discretionary controls.	It is proposed that consistent built form standards, including building heights and setbacks, be established for application to activity centres across Victoria, depending on the precinct typology allocated. Given the variety of centres and the importance of contextual response in development, please advise on whether the level of discretion (e.g.	 Building Height The Heritage Main Street Core and Residential areas of the activity centre should have a discretionary building height standard. The deemed to comply standard is likely to have unintended consequences and may compromise heritage places. 	 Building Height, supported in part; Building heights in the Heritage Main Street Core and Residential areas are discretionary. The use of deemed to comply controls is integral to accelerating the permit approval process.
	deemed to comply, mandatory or discretionary) is appropriate for the following standards in each precinct typology: – Building height – Street wall/podium height – Front setback above street wall – Side and rear setbacks.	 Street wall/podium height The proposed deemed to comply street wall standard is appropriate for Non-Heritage Main Street Core, Fringe and Limited Sensitivities precincts. The street wall height for Residential areas should be discretionary. The proposed standards for Large Opportunity Sites and Enclosed Shopping Centres should be discretionary. 	Street wall/podium height, supported. Front setback above street wall, supported. Side and rear setbacks, supported.	
			Front setback above street wall The standard for the Heritage Main Street Core should be discretionary given that the significance of heritage sites are not uniform and a different design response may be warranted. 	

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			 The proposed standards for Large Opportunity Sites and Enclosed Shopping Centres should be discretionary. 	
			 Side and rear setbacks The side and rear setback standards should be discretionary for Heritage Main Street Core and Residential typologies. The discretionary controls for Large Opportunity Sites and Enclosed Shopping centres are appropriate. 	
2.	Sun access	It is proposed that the sun access standards vary depending on the type of street or the level of protection required for open parks and space. Please advise whether the level of discretion (e.g. deemed to comply, mandatory or discretionary) is appropriate for the type of street and the level of protection required for open parks and space.	All levels of discretion proposed for streets, parks and open space are generally appropriate. The Urban Design Background Report and BFO Schedule should benefit from clarifying what is meant by 'Other streets' and 'Other parks and open space'. The BFO provisions should be revised as outlined in this report to support the implementation of the level of discretion for sun access.	 Supported in part, The level of discretion proposed for streets, parks and open spaces has been refined and the geographical application of the controls has been modified to enhance development opportunity. Reference to 'other streets' has been clarified by specifying that it applied to all other streets.
3.	Wind	The proposed standard aims to ensure that the built form, design, and layout of new developments does not generate unacceptable wind impacts within the site or on surrounding	-	Supported.

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		areas. Please advise whether the provision is suitably drafted to achieve the provision's intended purpose.	The wind provision is suitable to achieve the provision's intended purpose subject to the drafting changes recommended in the Referral 1 Report.	
4.	Active Frontage	 The proposed standard aims to support a vibrant, active and safe pedestrian environment. It is proposed that active frontages vary depending on whether they are a primary or secondary frontage. Please advise whether: the standards are drafted to suitably achieve the intended purpose the additional guidance included in the Urban Design Draft Background Summary Report will be beneficial in guiding a responsible authority's decision making. – 	The active frontage standard is suitable to achieve the provision's intended purpose. Matters of scale and visual interest appear unrelated to active frontages and it is unclear how they would assist in achieving the intended purpose.	Supported.
5.	Heritage	 The proposed standards seek to ensure new development appropriately responds to the significance of identified heritage places. Please advise whether: the application of discretionary standards are appropriate in this context the appropriateness of deemed to comply provisions for sites adjacent to sites on the Victorian Heritage Register, 	It is appropriate to apply discretionary standards with respect to places of heritage significance. Mandatory and deemed to comply standards should not be applied to heritage places unless the specific circumstances of the heritage place are known, and the standard ensures the significance of the place is appropriately protected.	Supported.

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		and/or contributory/significant sites.		
6.	Large opportunity sites and enclosed shopping centres	The proposed standards seek to manage development of sites over 5,000sqm. Please advise of the appropriateness of the following standards: – 5,000sqm threshold standard – master planning requirement – tower floor plate size standard – building separation standard – deep soil standard – pedestrian link standard.	 The proposed 5,000 square metre threshold guidance generally achieves the intended outcome, however there is no information to explain 5,000 square metres is an appropriate measure for designating large opportunity sites. There should be flexibility to consider moderately smaller 	 5,000sqm threshold standard – supported in part, The 5,000 square metre threshold has been retained, greater flexibility to the size is likely to create ambiguity to the control's application. Master planning requirement, supported in part; provisions have been redrafted, but not always to match the committee's recommendations.
			 The master planning provisions are suitable to achieve the intended purpose subject to changes recommended in the Referral 1 Report. Tower floor plate size standard The proposed discretionary tower plate size standard is suitable to achieve part of the intended purpose, as it only applies to apartments. A suitable standard should be considered for non-residential tower floor plates. 	Tower floor plate size standard, supported in part; – The discretionary tower plate size standard has been retained, a minimum floor plate is not established for

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				Pedestrian link standard, supported.
			 Deep soil standard The discretionary deep soil standard is suitable to achieve the intended purpose. 	
			 Pedestrian link standard. The discretionary pedestrian link standard is suitable to achieve the intended purpose. There would be benefit in providing guidance through a diagram showing how the standard is intended to operate. 	
7.	Tree canopy	The proposed inclusion of further canopy tree guidance in the Urban Design Draft Background Summary Report seeks to enhance the amenity of established areas. Please advise whether the additional guidance will be beneficial in guiding a responsible authority's decision making.	The proposed decision guideline would be appropriate in circumstances where a canopy tree may be considered desirable in a landscaped setback. The BFO header provision provides very general decision guidelines and it would seem incongruous to include a detailed matter dealing with canopy trees in this provision.	Supported.
8.	Catchment boundary	It is proposed that the catchment is the area within walking distance of the local jobs, services and public	Defining the catchment	Supported in part, The methodology for defining the catchment has followed

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			 The Walkable Catchment boundary should be defined no 	consistent principles however amendments have been made to catchment boundaries to respond to the findings of the committee and the local context of each centre.

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#	Matter		 Key findings Other considerations should inform the setting of the boundary. The walkable catchment boundary for each activity centre should: ensure that the average walker takes up to about 10 minutes to walk to the activity centre core align along roads, rail, rivers or other easily discernible and consistent boundaries, including zone boundaries avoid creating small pockets at the edge, where a more consistent edge could be created nearby avoid aligning along rear or side 		
			 boundaries between residential properties avoid any area separated by built or topographic barriers such as divided arterial roads and steep topography with restrictive, hostile or unsafe connectivity. 		



Standing Advisory Committee Report recommendations – Broadmeadows Activity Centre (SAC Report 3)

#	Matter	Advice sought	Key findings	Action
1.	Landscape setbacks	Please advise whether the designated locations in the <i>draft Broadmeadows</i> <i>Activity Centre Plan (September 2024)</i> for landscape setbacks are suitable to achieve the intended purpose.	The designated locations in the Activity Centre Plan for landscape setbacks are suitable to achieve the intended purpose.	Supported.
2.	Sun access	Please advise whether retaining the designated locations in the <i>draft</i> <i>Broadmeadows Activity Centre Plan</i> <i>(September 2024)</i> is suitable to achieve the intended purpose.	Centre Plan for sun access are suitable to achieve the intended purpose.	Supported.
3.	Active frontages	Please advise whether modifying the designated locations in the <i>draft</i> <i>Broadmeadows Activity Centre Plan</i> <i>(September 2024)</i> are suitable to achieve the intended purpose, specifically the removal of the internal roads to Hume Central.	The modified designated locations in the Activity Centre Plan (September 2024) are suitable to achieve the intended purpose. Removing the active frontage requirement from the internal roads of Hume Central is suitable to achieve the intended purpose.	Supported.
4.	Master plans	Please advise whether the designated locations in the <i>draft Broadmeadows</i> <i>Activity Centre Plan (September 2024)</i> are suitable to achieve the intended purpose and whether identifying Kangan Institute, Banksia Gardens, Hume Central, and 16-22 Pearcedale Parade as sites for master planning is suitable to achieve the intended purpose.	The designated locations for master plans in the Activity Centre Plan are suitable to achieve the intended purpose. Modifying the designated locations to add Kangan Institute, Banksia Gardens, Hume Central, and 16-22 Pearcedale Parade is consistent with the intended purpose. Consistent with the intended purpose. Consistent with comments regarding master planning in the Referral 2 report, 16-22 Pearcedale Parade should be designated a Large Opportunity Site.	 Supported in part. Amendments have been made to reduce the extent of masterplanning requirements applying to land in all centres.
5.	Spatial application of built form typologies	Please advise whether the proposed changes to the spatial application of built form typologies provide sufficient clear guidance for the responsible authority's decision-making:	Designating 16-22 Pearcedale Parade as a Large Opportunity Site would provide sufficient clear guidance for the	Supported.

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		 The application of the Large Opportunity Site typology to an additional site at 16-22 Pearcedale Parade. 	responsible authority's decision- making.	
6.	Building height	 Please advise whether the proposed changes to the building height standard provide sufficient clear guidance for the responsible authority's decision-making: Discretionary building height controls for managing airport Obstacle Limitation Surfaces (OLS) constraints. 	height controls for managing the airport	Supported.
7.	Catchment boundary	Having regard to the advice sought on the catchment boundary in the common matters (Referral 2), please advise if the recommended change to the extent of the proposed catchment boundary for Broadmeadows is consistent with the intended purpose.	The walkable catchment is inconsistent with the intended purpose and should be remeasured as recommended in the Referral 2 report. To achieve the intended purpose, the Broadmeadows walkable catchment boundary should be revised to: - exclude [the area east of Dallas Drive] - include only those parts of [the proposed extension to the north and south] within a walkable catchment of the core of the Activity Centre, including allowance for time to cross over arterial roads and the rail line.	 Amendments have been made to catchment boundaries and proposed planning provisions (zones) to respond to the findings of the committee and the local context of each centre. Land in the proposed extension to the north and south affected by the MAEO



Standing Advisory Committee Report recommendations – Camberwell Junction Activity Centre (SAC Report 4)

# Matter	Advice sought	Key findings	Action
1. Catchment boundary	Having regard to the advice sought on the catchment boundary in the common matters (Referral 2), please advise if the recommended change to the extent of the proposed catchment boundary for Camberwell Junction is consistent with the intended purpose.	The catchment boundary needs to be redrawn in accordance with the principles outlined by the Referral 2 Committee. Consistent with the findings of the Referral 1 Committee, the redefined catchment area should then be further refined to remove areas within the Heritage Overlay or a Neighbourhood Character Overlay. These refinements are likely to include removal of [a small area at the southern extent] from the walkable catchment. However, there are many other parts of the current catchment that will also need to be removed. Recommendation: Redraw the Camberwell Junction walkable catchment boundary so that it reflects an 800 metre 'real time' walkable distance from: a) the areas identified in the City of Centres Report as Heritage Main Street Core or Non-Heritage Main Street Core b) the entrances to Camberwell Train Station. Exclude the following from the area from which the 800 metre walkable distance is measured: a) fringe precincts b) residential areas (if any) c) any large opportunity sites and areas with limited sensitivities that do not serve the day to day needs of the local community d) open space areas on the periphery of the Activity Centre.	

Ensure the redefined boundaries: a) align along roads, rait or other easily discernible and consistent boundaries, including zone boundaries b) avoid aligning along rear or side boundaries between residential properties c) avoid creating small pockets at the edge, where a more consistent edge could be created nearby. Exclude the following from the redefined walkable catchment: a) areas in the Heritage Overlay or a Neighbourhood Character Overlay.
Neighbourhood Character Overlay.



Standing Advisory Committee Report recommendations – Chadstone Activity Centre (SAC Report 5)

#	Matter	Advice sought	Key findings	Action
1.	Landscape setbacks	 Please advise whether the designated locations in the <i>draft Chadstone</i> <i>Activity Centre Plan (September 2024)</i> for landscape setbacks are suitable to achieve the intended purpose, including: A 7.6 metre deemed to comply front landscaping setback as a local variation along Dandenong Road and whether this is appropriate to provide 	Additional locations for landscaped setbacks will need to be designated in the Activity Centre Plan to achieve the intended purpose. The setback on the north side of Dandenong Road should be extended along the shopping centre site frontage.	 Landscape setbacks have been amended along Dandenong Road Landscape setbacks within the shopping centre site are to be addressed through future amendments to the Incorporated Plan Overlay (IPO) Schedule 2 that applies to the site.
2.	Sun access	between Chadstone Road and	It is appropriate to remove the: - 'Boulevard' designation along the section of Dandenong Road fronting the shopping centre site. - 'key pedestrian/green streets' designation on Chadstone Road.	Supported.

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		 the long-term strategic development of Chadstone Shopping Centre. Removal of the 'Key pedestrian streets / green streets' classification on Chadstone Road to support the long-term development opportunities in the south-west corner of Chadstone Shopping Centre. 	setback to be designated along Chadstone Road is accepted.	
3.	Active frontages	 Please advise whether the designated locations in the <i>draft Chadstone</i> Activity Centre Plan (September 2024) are suitable to achieve the intended purpose. Application in the Mixed Use Zone area Application to Chadstone Shopping Centre The use of deemed to comply standards 	The Committee does not have sufficient information to advise where additional active frontages should be designated. Areas to be considered include: - external edges of the shopping centre site - internal locations within the shopping centre site, depending on its future layout and activity nodes. Active frontages for the shopping centre site	 Application to the Mixed Use Zone supported. Application to Chadstone Shopping Centre - supported in part. The committee's recommendations for the shopping centre site are subject to future work on the Incorporated Plan Overlay (IPO) Schedule 2.
4	Maataralana		should be considered as part of the master plan.	Use of deemed to comply, supported.
4.		Please advise whether a site-specific approach to Chadstone Shopping Centre beyond what is proposed for the 'Enclosed Shopping Centre typology', including a master planning requirement.	It is essential that the shopping centre site be subject to master planning requirements. The Committee is not in a position to advise whether the master planning requirement should be located in the BFO schedule, or some other planning tool.	 Supported in principle. Site specific planning to be undertaken as part of future amendments to the Incorporated Plan Overlay (IPO) Schedule 2 that applies to the site.

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5.		Please advise whether the proposed changes to the Building Height standard provide sufficient clear guidance for responsible authority's decision-making: – A 60m preferred building height for Chadstone Shopping Centre.	 The building height standard for the shopping centre site (40 metres, proposed to be revised to 60 metres) does not provide sufficient clear guidance for decision making. Height limits on the shopping centre site should be graduated. While 60 metres may be appropriate for some parts of the site, it will not be appropriate as a blanket control across the whole site. Graduated heights within the shopping centre site should be addressed in the master plan. 	 Supported. Site specific planning to be undertaken as part of future amendments to the Incorporated Plan Overlay (IPO) Schedule 2 that applies to the site.
6.	height	Please advise whether the proposed changes to the Street wall / podium height standard provide sufficient clear guidance for responsible authority's decision-making: - A 15m / 4 storey deemed to comply 'Street wall / podium height'.	The proposed 15 metre (four storey) street wall height in the Fringe Precinct areas is appropriate. Street wall heights should be designated within the shopping centre site (internally and around its edges). If not already addressed under the IPO2, this should be addressed in the master plan.	 Supported in part. Activity centre plans have been updated to ensure correct references to street wall heights and podium heights, and to provide more detailed decision-making guidance. Proposed 15 metre / four storey) street wall height updated to align with Front wall heights standards in Fringe Precinct (1:1 ratio of road width to front wall height or 21m whichever is lesser). Site specific planning for the shopping centre site is to be undertaken as part of future amendments to the Incorporated Plan Overlay (IPO) Schedule 2 that applies to the site.

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7. Catchment boundary			 Supported in part Amendments have been made to catchment boundaries and proposed planning provisions (zones) to respond to the findings of the committee and the local context of each centre. Catchment area to the south is reduced Areas separated by significant physical barriers have been removed. Remaining areas retained in catchment have reasonable access to Chadstone Shopping Centre.

Standing Advisory Committee Report recommendations – Epping Activity Centre (SAC Report 6)

#	Matter	Advice sought	Key findings	Action
1.	boundary	sought on the catchment boundary in the common matters	catchment boundary in the common matters (Referral 2), the proposed catchment boundary for Epping is inconsistent with the intended purpose.	centre.

Standing Advisory Committee Report recommendations – Frankston Activity Centre (SAC Report 7)

# Matter	Advice sought	Key findings	Action
1. Catchment boundary	Having regard to the advice sought on the catchment boundary in the common matters (Referral 2), please advise if the recommended change to the extent of the proposed catchment boundary for Frankston is consistent with the intended purpose.	The recommended change to the walkable catchment boundary in that [the area north of Overton Road and the area east of the Frankston Freeway] are removed, and [the area west of the Frankston Freeway] is included, is acceptable. The Committee recommends: The area to the south of Williams Street should not be included in the walkable catchment area for the Frankston Activity Centre.	 Supported in part. Amendments have been made to catchment boundaries and proposed planning provisions (zones) to respond to the findings of the committee and the local context of each centre. The area north of Overton Road and the area east of Frankston Freeway have been removed from the catchment. The area west of Frankston Freeway has been included. The area south of Williams Road has high amenity and is within walking distance of the commercial centre. This area has been retained based on the methodology for defining the catchment and applying this consistently across centres.

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1.	Landscape setbacks	 Please advise whether the designated locations in the draft Moorabbin Activity Centre Plan (September 2024) for landscape setbacks are suitable to achieve the intended purpose, including if: Extension of the 4m deemed to comply front landscaping setback is appropriate for the newly proposed sections of the Residential typology in Kingston (local variation) 	 Extend the four metre landscape setback along the north side of South Road between Jasper Road and Gilmour Road Include the four metre landscape setback in Redholme and Healey 	 Supported in part: Not adopted along the north side of South Road between Jasper Road and Gilmour Road as not deemed suitable in line with typology applied in this location Included four metre landscape setback on Redholme and Healy Streets Landscape setback retained to Horscroft Place due to residential typology being applied
2.		 Please advise whether modifying the designated locations in the draft Moorabbin Activity Centre Plan (September 2024) is suitable to achieve the intended purpose, specifically if the: inclusion of the 'Key pedestrian streets / green streets' classification on Charming Street in Bayside is appropriate, to support a network of green streets connecting to the Activity Centre Core inclusion of the 'Key pedestrian streets / green streets' classification on Street in Bayside is appropriate, to support a network of green streets connecting to the Activity Centre Core inclusion of the 'Key pedestrian streets / green streets' classification on section of Healey Street between Central Avenue and Horscroft Place is appropriate, to support street greening and active transport 	 Include Charming Street in Bayside as a Key pedestrian street/green street. Include Healey Street, between Central Avenue and Horscroft Place Pocket Park, as a Key pedestrian/green street. Designate the whole of the Horscroft Place Pocket Park as Moderate protection and update its mapping accordingly. 	Supported

Standing Advisory Committee Report recommendations – Moorabbin Activity Centre (SAC Report 8)

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		opportunities throughout the Activity Centre Core – inclusion of the 'Key pedestrian streets / green streets' classification on section of Horscroft Place is appropriate, to support street greening and active transport opportunities throughout the Activity Centre Core		
3.	Active frontages	 Please advise whether modifying the designated locations in the draft Moorabbin Activity Centre Plan (September 2024) is suitable to achieve the intended purpose, specifically if the: inclusion of 'secondary active frontage' on South Road, on south side in Bayside, is appropriate to support defining the Bayside entry to the Activity Centre Core and to avoid inactive edges inclusion of 'secondary active frontage' on South Road between the Frankston railway line and South Avenue in Glen Eira is appropriate to foster walkability and a sense of sense in order to overall support a more amenable pedestrian environment inclusion of 'secondary active frontage' on both sides of Taylor Street in Kingston is appropriate to foster walkability in the Activity Centre Core 	 Include 'secondary active frontage' to South Road and Nepean Highway, between the Frankston railway line and South Avenue in Gen Eira. Include 'secondary active frontage' to South Road in Bayside. 	Supported

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		 inclusion of 'primary active frontage' on Central Avenue to support activation of this key street as a focal point for the Activity Centre Core 		
4.		 Please advise whether modifying the designated locations in the draft Moorabbin Activity Centre Plan (September 2024) is suitable to achieve the intended purpose, specifically if the: inclusion of identification for master planning for the Moorabbin West Precinct Large Opportunity Site, bounded by the Frankston railway line, Exley Drive and Nepean Highway, is appropriate given its size, shape and frontage to a major arterial road 	 Include and undertake master planning for the Moorabbin West Precinct Large Opportunity Site, bounded by the Frankston railway line, Exley Drive and Nepean Highway. 	 Supported in part. Amendments have been made to reduce the extent of masterplanning requirements applying to land in all centres.
5.	Height	 Please advise whether the proposed changes to the Building Height standard provide sufficient clear guidance for responsible authority's decision-making in terms of: 34m / 10 storey preferred building height for the Harvey Norman Large Opportunity Site, on South Road and Linton Street 	 Increase the preferred building height 	Supported
6.	wall/podium height	Please advise whether the proposed changes to the Street wall / podium height standard provide sufficient clear guidance for responsible authority's decision-making:	The Committee finds and recommends the proposed changes to street walls/podium heights will provide sufficient and clear guidance for responsible authority's decision making, subject to the following	Supported in part, – Horscroft Place recommendation not supported due to associated typology applied

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		 11m / 3 storey deemed to comply 'Street wall / podium height' for all Large Opportunity Sites and Limited Sensitivities in Kingston that don't front to South Road or Nepean Highway 	 changes: Provide that the podium height for all Horscroft Place be 11 metres (three storeys). Properly map the deemed to control street wall/podium requirement. Include 'podium' in the reference to 'street wall' in the Built Form Zone Schedule and associated mapping. Change the areas identified as "Large Opportunity Sites" and "Limited Sensitivities" in Kingston that do not front South Road or Nepean Highway as mapped in referred material Attachment F Moorabbin Draft Activity Centre Plan, VPA, September 2024 to 11 metres/3 storey deemed to comply 'Street wall/podium height'. 	 Plans/referencing updated accordingly
7.	application of built form typologies	changes to the spatial application of	 The Committee finds and recommends: The spatial application of built form typologies is appropriate, subject to the following: Change the built form typology to the area bounded by Redholme Street and Healy Street to the Residential typology. Change the built form typology on both sides of Horscroft Place to the Residential typology. Retain the Limited Sensitivities built form typology for South Road between Jasper Road and Railway Crescent. Change the built form typology to Station Street between South Road 	

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		 LOPS typology to Station Street between South Road and Central Avenue LIMS typology to 2-4 Highbury Avenue, Hampton East 	 and Central Avenue to the Large Opportunity Sites typology. Change the built form typology to 2-4 Highbury Avenue, Hampton East to the Limited Sensitivities typology. 	
8.	Catchment Boundary	Having regard to the advice sought on the catchment boundary in the common matters (Referral 2), please advise if the extent of the proposed catchment boundary in Moorabbin is consistent with the intended purpose.	- The extent of the proposed Moorabbin	Supported

Standing Advisory Committee Report recommendations – Niddrie (Keilor Road) and North Essendon Activity Centres (SAC Report 9)

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1.	Landscape setbacks	 Please advise whether the designated locations in the draft Niddrie (Keilor Road) and North Essendon Activity Centre Plans for landscape setbacks are suitable to achieve the intended purpose, including: 1.5m front landscaping setback to street frontages zoned Commercial 2 Zone (C2Z). 2.5m front landscaping setback along Limited Sensitivity typology on Mt Alexander Road. 4m front landscaping along sections of Queen Street for Fringe typology. 	The proposed landscape setback local variations for both Activity Centres will achieve their intended purpose. Recommendation: Extend the four metre landscape setback local variation to the properties at 22, 24 and 26 Queen Street, North Essendon	Supported.
2.	Sun access	Please advise whether the designated locations in the draft Niddrie (Keilor Road) and North Essendon Activity Centre Plans are suitable to achieve the intended purpose.	The designated locations for solar access protection in the draft Niddrie (Keilor Road) & North Essendon Activity Centre Plans are suitable to achieve the intended purpose. That said, the Boulevard standard's reference to "maintain sun access to opposite central median" is unclear and would benefit from drafting improvements.	Supported.
3.	Active frontages	Please advise whether the designated locations in the draft Niddrie (Keilor Road) and North Essendon Activity Centre Plans are suitable to achieve the intended purpose.	Findings: The designated primary and secondary active frontage locations are appropriate to achieve	Supported.

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			Recommendations: Extend the primary active frontage to both sides of Wallis Mall between Keilor Road and Hotham Street, Niddrie. Extend the secondary active frontage across the northern edge of the retail pocket facing Woodlands Park to the east of Carnarvon Road, North Essendon.	
4.		Please advise whether the designated locations in the draft Niddrie (Keilor Road) and North Essendon Activity Centre Plans are suitable to achieve the intended purpose. – The site at 1144-1146 Mt Alexander Road.	The identification of 1144-1146 Mt Alexander Road as a Master plan site in the North Essendon Activity Centre Plan is appropriate.	Supported.
5.	boundary	-	The walkable catchment of both Activity Centres is excessive and should be reduced consistent with the findings of the Referral 2 Committee. Recommendations: Amend the Niddrie (Keilor Road) 800 metre walkable catchment to be measured from the edge of the Commercial 1 Zone rather than	Supported in part. Amendments have been made to catchment boundaries and proposed planning provisions (zones) to respond to the findings of the committee and the local context of each centre The North Essendon catchment has been refined to exclude parks from the catchment measurement.

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6.	Building heights	Airport's operation.		 Supported in principle. The site at 203-211 Keilor Rd has been identified as a Large Opportunity Site typology and building height standards will be discretionary.

Standing Advisory Committee Report recommendations – Preston (High Street) Activity Centre (SAC Report 10)

#	Matter	Advice sought	Key findings	Action
1.	Catchment boundary	the catchment boundary in the	Redraw the Preston (High Street) walkable catchment boundary so that it reflects an 800 metre / 10 minute 'real time' walkable distance from the core of the Activity Centre. The core should generally relate to the area defined as Heritage Main Street Core and Non Heritage Main Street Core and also include Preston Market and the supermarket on Murray	Amendments have been made to catchment boundaries and proposed planning provisions (zones) to respond to the findings of the Committee and
	– fringe – large supe Mark	Road. Exclude the following from the commercial core: – fringe precinct- residential areas – large opportunity sites not including the existing supermarket on Murray Road or Preston Market- open space areas on the periphery of the Activity Centre.	consistently across centres.	
			 Ensure the redefined boundaries: align along roads, rail or other easily discernible and consistent boundaries, including zone boundaries avoid aligning along rear or side boundaries between residential properties and in mid block locations. avoid creating small pockets at the edge, where a more consistent edge could be created nearby. 	the Committee's findings.
			Exclude the following from the redefined walkable catchment: – any areas in the Heritage Overlay or a Neighbourhood Character Overlay- any areas within the Mixed Use Zone	

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			 any areas within non-residential zones such as the Priority Development Zone. 	

Standing Advisory Committee Report recommendations – Ringwood Activity Centre (SAC Report 11)

#	Matter	Advice sought	Key findings	Action
1	Catchment	Having regard to the advice sought on	Findings:	Supported in part.
	Boundary		The changes to the catchment boundary for Ringwood	
			are broadly consistent with the intended purpose.	The Committee's
		recommended change to the extent of		recommendations have been
			The [area west of Heatherdale Road in the City of	adopted in part with exception of
		Ringwood is consistent with the	Whitehorse] should be excluded from the walkable	one area's retention proposed
		intended purpose.	catchment and areas [at the southern, eastern and	by the committee which was
			north-eastern extents] be further amended.	contradictory to aligning with street blocks (and not mid-
			The walkable catchment should be redrawn to ensure	•
			it extends up to 800 metres from the core commercial	
			precincts of the Ringwood Activity Centre and the	
			Ringwood Train Station, consistent with the findings of	
			the Referral 2 Committee. It should also be mapped	
			to account for pedestrian crossing timeframes over	
			the Ringwood Bypass and the primary Eastland	
			pedestrian entries.	
			Recommendations:	
			The Ringwood walkable catchment be amended to:	
			 exclude [the area west of Heatherdale Road in the City of Whitehorse] 	
			 include only that part of the area between Oliver 	
			Street and Rupert Street (excluding Prospect	
			Court)	
			 include only that part of [the area east of 	
			Ringwood Lake Reserve, Hill Street and Great	
			Ryrie Street, and south of Ringwood Bypass]	
			within 800 metres of Precincts 4 and 6 of the	
			Ringwood Activity Centre Framework Plan	
			 include only that part of [the small area in 	
			the south of the catchment to the east of	
			Jubilee Park] within 800 metres of	

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			Precincts 2 and 6 of the Ringwood Activity Centre Framework Plan		