Cannibal Creek Landcare Group

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Victorian Planning Authority Level 25,
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Dear Sir or Madam
Reference: C234 Pakenham East PSP.

21st February 2018.

In reference to the Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan our Landcare Group would like to make the following amendments which we think should be implemented. Our rationale being that the urban infill will have a negative impact of the wildlife movement through the area. This can partially be offset by designing into the subdivision a number of habitat areas and Corridors. Wildlife corridors need to be at least 40 metres wide to function for wildlife movement.

1. A wildlife corridor/biodiversity linkage of at least 40 metres be constructed between the two wetlands along the Princes Freeway for the movement of wildlife from one waterway to the next.

2. That a conservation area be constructed along the entire length of Hancock’s Gully both north and south of the old Princes Highway with a mass planting of locally sourced indigenous plants. This gully should be protected by a ring lock fence. The gully should be at least 40 metres in diameter. A bike path running the full length would encourage walkers/ bike riders to appreciate the environment. This linking of paths near waterways is favoured by Melbourne Water in their 2030 draft proposal.

3. The road reserves on the north, south and central sections of the Old Princes Highway should have all environment weeds completely removed and revegetated by indigenous plantings. This would then create an atheistic
biodiversity corridor linking Deep Creek Conservation Area and the Hancock Gully Conservation Area.

4. A Wildlife corridor link should be constructed to connect the Deep Creek Conservation area in the south with the wetland along the Princes Freeway abutting the future Government school. This would link the wildlife allowing a greater diversity of species and provide the school to have an environmental asset near them.

5. The construction of a wildlife corridor/biodiversity linkage along the outside of transmission lines which would link three areas, Deep Creek Conservation Area, Local Park 01 and Hancock Gully Conservation Area. It would also provide a cosmetic approach to the power lines.

In constructing the five points above the proposed number of local residents in your estimation of assuming at least 2.8 persons per dwelling totalling 20,000 plus persons will give them some conservation areas to enjoy. The conservation areas will provide areas to collect the extensive runoff which will occur from the 7,000 plus houses, roads and footpaths. There is will also be a partial carbon neutral effect, some shade trees plus allowing the space for person to relax and enjoy.

In creating these wildlife corridors the protection of the wildlife must be secured by the site planning committee by having a cat curfew and dogs on leash policy.

Your literature does not seem to have any reference to improving the traffic flow and how the old Princes Highway will cope with the extra 14,000 plus cars. The Cardinia Road and Koowuerup/Healesville intersections with the Princes Freeway are already under stress with numerous accidents happening weekly. If the approach to the Nar Nar Goon intersection is not enhanced or improved then similar problems will occur there. The fatality rate in the Cardinia shire is only rising due to the increased number of cars on the roads. Careful planning when adding another 7,000 houses to an area needs to be addressed.

The liveability of the area will be enhanced by creating environmental corridors, bike paths and careful traffic management. All of our above points we hope will be considered in the Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan.

Yours Faithfully,