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**From Deep Creek Landcare Goup**

**To: Victorian Planning Authority**

**Re: Amendment C234/Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan.**

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This submission in part supports a similar submission from Back Creek Landcare Group as well as other Landcare Groups in the area.

Referring to the Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan we would like to make the following amendments :-

1. We would like you to add a wildlife corridor/biodiversity linkage of 20 metres between the two wetlands along the Princes Freeway for the movement of wildlife from one waterway to the next.
2. We would like you to increase the vegetation to create a conservation area in the Hancock Gully by carrying out a mass planting with locally sourced indigenous plants around the two wetlands and along the entire gully – north and south of the Old Princes Highway – 20 metres either side of the stream – 40 metres in total – completely fenced with ring lock to protect the wildlife from predators.
3. To improve the conservation areas along the northern and southern sides of the Old Princes Highway by completely removing all environmental weeds and replacing them with locally sourced indigenous plants to form two connected wildlife corridors/biodiversity linkages between Deep Creek Conservation Areas and the proposed Hancock Gully Conservation Areas.
4. To create a wildlife corridor/biodiversity linkage to connect the Deep Creek Conservation area in the south near Canty Lane with the wetland along the Princes Freeway abutting the future government school as an educational environmental asset for the use of the proposed school to allow the movement of wildlife and with this connection to encourage a greater diversity of wildlife species that require a greater area of habitat.
5. In the north to form a 10 metre linkage just south below the transmission line to form a wildlife corridor/biodiversity linkage between three areas – the Deep Creek Conservation Area to the Local Park 01 and across to the Hancock Gully Conservation Area.
6. Some way needs to be found to directly connect The Pakenham East Precinct with the Deep Creek Complex currently under construction. Access along Deep Creek as far as possible and then safely through or around the the Golf Course perimeter needs to be established. The Ecology Centre, now being constructed as part of The Deep Creek Complex will further enhance the Pakenham East Precinct only if there is provision for it to be directly linked to Deep Creek as it runs through The Pakenham East Precinct.

We do not see any reference in your plan to improving the traffic situation outside of the Pakenham East Precinct. As you will be creating at least 14, 200 cars on the surrounding roads you have put no infrastructure in place to enable these cars to move onto the Princes Freeway. Already the Koo-Wee-Rup/Healesville Interchange is under stress from the increasing local population, with traffic from Phillip Island now coming this way, plus extra traffic from the industrial area along Bald Hill Road, plus the railway crossing at Pakenham which stops the traffic.

Regarding the Nar Nar Goon/Bessie Creek Interchange, there will be future traffic stress with the construction and permanent jobs with the Metro and VicRail Railway Workshop to the south of the Princes Freeway and also the proposed expansion of the Nar Nar Goon Township.

Traffic stress and congestion impinges on road safety, liveability of the area, road rage, delay frustration and environmental pollution of cars stuck in traffic. The increased volume of traffic on our roads outside the subdivision, has not been taken into consideration with your Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan

Regards,

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