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Subject: Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan - Cardinia Shire Planning Scheme Amendment C234

Attention: The C.E.O., Victorian Planning Authority, Level 25, 35 Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I make this submission on behalf of myself and my father, [REDACTED], who owns a farm at [REDACTED] part of which is located only about 2.4 kilometres south of part of the subject land (being the land within the Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan).

We object to there having been no Environment Effects Statement concerning this significant new project. We submit that there has been inadequate consideration of the drainage impact generally of this project upon downstream properties, and in particular, the impact upon Hancocks Gully, which flows through our family farm, from north to south. We are increasingly witnessing more frequent episodes of Hancocks Gully being at, or near capacity, following significant rainfall events, and submit that it is not capable of handling likely increased flows, arising from the Pakenham East development. There will therefore likely be adverse consequences for the future agricultural productivity of downstream properties, including ours.

The apparent role of Mr Ben Hawkins, Strategic Planner, Victorian Planning Authority, in connection to this project is also of great concern, given that it is understood that he was previously employed in recent years in the planning department at Cardinia Shire Council; it is considered that he is insufficiently independent from this project to be providing input to, or deliberations thereon.

We also request to be heard before a planning panel, in the event that these objections are not accepted by the Victorian Planning Authority.

Sincerely,

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