Hi Marcelle,

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comment on the public exhibition of the Pakenham East PSP. Aboriginal Victoria have been consulted throughout the PSP planning process and are satisfied that Aboriginal heritage has been effectively considered in developing the PSP. Aboriginal Victoria provided detailed comments on the original Draft PSP and Aboriginal heritage assessments, and the PSP responds effectively to this feedback through the provision of open space along major waterways and on hill tops.

We would make the following comment specific to the exhibited PSP:

- The inclusion of some known Aboriginal sites/places/LDADs as ‘conservation areas’ in Plan 3 is neither desirable nor feasible. Many of these places occur in areas identified for residential development and excavation as drainage corridors/wetlands/retarding basins. Whilst Aboriginal places that are identified along Deep Creek have considerable scope to be preserved in open space, it would appear entirely inappropriate to commit circular areas of 50m diameter around these locations to preservation in ‘conservation areas’. These known Aboriginal places (outside the Deep Creek corridor where extensive excavation has occurred) represent isolated artefact finds - these finds are common and do not necessarily point to the occurrence of significant Aboriginal heritage in these locations, nor should these locations be selected for preservation based on current information alone. Impacts to these locations will be assessed more effectively through the CHMP process, particularly if it is found that these represent exposures of more significant archaeological sites. Consequently, in some circumstances impacts to these places/locations will be acceptable and in others the mapped buffers will be entirely inadequate. It would appear equally possible that these place locations have been (unintentionally) integrated into a GIS layer associated with the conservation areas, such that this restricted information (the locations of Aboriginal places) is not explicitly shown on the Plan. However, as discussed, these places are neither analogous nor necessarily require management responses akin to conservation areas.

As previously suggested, we would encourage the VPA or Council, in this instance, to prepare a PSP-wide CHMP to manage Aboriginal heritage in a holistic way across this landscape and ensure Aboriginal heritage is considered in areas where no statutory trigger (areas of cultural heritage sensitivity) occurs. This CHMP could feasibly be funded through an augmented developer contributions levy.

Don't hesitate to contact me to discuss any of these matters,

best regards

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Dear Everyone

Draft Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan - Amendment C234 to the Cardinia Planning Scheme

The Draft Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) and Amendment C234 is now on public exhibition until the 23 February 2018. The Precinct Structure Plan is a long term strategic plan to guide urban development in Pakenham East.

The Victorian Planning Authority have sent letters regarding Amendment C234 to all referral agencies for review and comment. I am sending this email to assist in looking at the information while snail mail arrives at your organisation.


Hard copies of these documents can also be viewed during business hours at:

- Cardinia Shire Council, 20 Siding Avenue Officer and
- Victorian Planning Authority, Level 25, 35 Collins Street Melbourne

Two community drop-in information sessions hosted by the Victorian Planning Authority and Council will be held on:
- 6th February 2018 between 4.30pm-6.00pm at Pakenham Library (corner of John Street and Henry Street Pakenham)
- 15th February 2018 between 4.30pm-6.00pm at Pakenham Library (corner of John Street and Henry Street Pakenham).

**Making a submission:**

All submissions must be sent to the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) and not to Council. The VPA welcome written comments from the public/referral agencies and must be received in writing:

- **By email:** amendments@vap.vic.gov.au
- **By post:** Victorian Planning Authority, Level 25, 35 Collins Street Melbourne 3000

**Submissions close 23 February 2018.**

For all enquiries regarding Pakenham East PSP please forward enquiries to:

- Victorian Planning Authority (Ben Hawkins or Bonnie Mather) on telephone 9651 9600
- Cardinia Shire Council (Marcelle Bell) on telephone (03) 59 454 287
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