

30 November 2020

Victoria Planning Authority
Level 25, 35 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000
via email: amendments@vpa.vic.gov.au

Dear Sir / Madam,

DRAFT CRAIGIEBURN WEST PRECINCT STRUCTURE PLAN

I refer to your email dated 17 November 2020 to Energy Safe Victoria (**ESV**) seeking feedback on the draft Craigieburn West Precinct Structure Plan (**CWPSP**). ESV welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Victorian Planning Authority (**VPA**) on the draft CWPSP.

The Precinct Structure Plan

It is understood that the CWPSP applies to approximately 562ha of land east of Mickleham Road, with Mt Ridley Road to the north and Craigieburn Road to the south.

Broadly, the CWPSP will result in the redevelopment of the land from current mostly agricultural uses to a suburban-density residential precinct with associated community uses, such as parks and schools.

Planning Policy & Licensed Pipelines

Licensed pipelines are pipelines regulated under the *Pipelines Act 2005*. The *Pipelines Act 2005* applies to 'transmission' pipelines that have a maximum design pressure exceeding 1050 kPa (gaseous hydrocarbons) and 345 kPa (liquid hydrocarbons) for the conveyance of gas, oil and other substances.

Licensed pipelines are recognised within the Hume Planning Scheme at Clause 19.01-3S (Pipeline Infrastructure). The objective of this clause is:

To ensure that gas, oil and other substances are safely delivered to users and to and from port terminals at minimal risk to people, other critical infrastructure and the environment.

This clause includes the following strategy:

Plan for the development of pipeline infrastructure subject to the Pipelines Act 2005.

As identified in the Services Investigation Report prepared by Taylors Development Strategists, there are no licensed pipelines within the PSP area. As such, ESV has no specific comments on the outcomes proposed by the draft PSP.

It is noted that the PSP area is proximate to the study area nominated by APA Group for the Western Outer Ring Main (**WORM**) project. The WORM is a proposed 50km underground buried gas pipeline that is proposed to run from Plumpton to Wollert.

On 22 December 2019 the Minister for Planning determined that an Environmental Effects Statement would be required for the project under the *Environmental Effects Act 1978*. The alignment proposed by APA Group for the WORM does not run through the CWPSP, however does run near the western edge of the precinct.

It is recommended that the VPA notify the APA Group of the draft CWPSP so that it can appropriately consider the CWPSP in the development of the WORM project.

Recommendations

ESV recommend that the VPA undertake the following actions:

- 1. Notify APA Group of the draft PSP to ensure it is considered in the development of the Western Outer Ring Main project.**

Should you have any questions or require anything further please do not hesitate to contact me on 9271 5440 or anastasia.kontogiorgis@energysafe.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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