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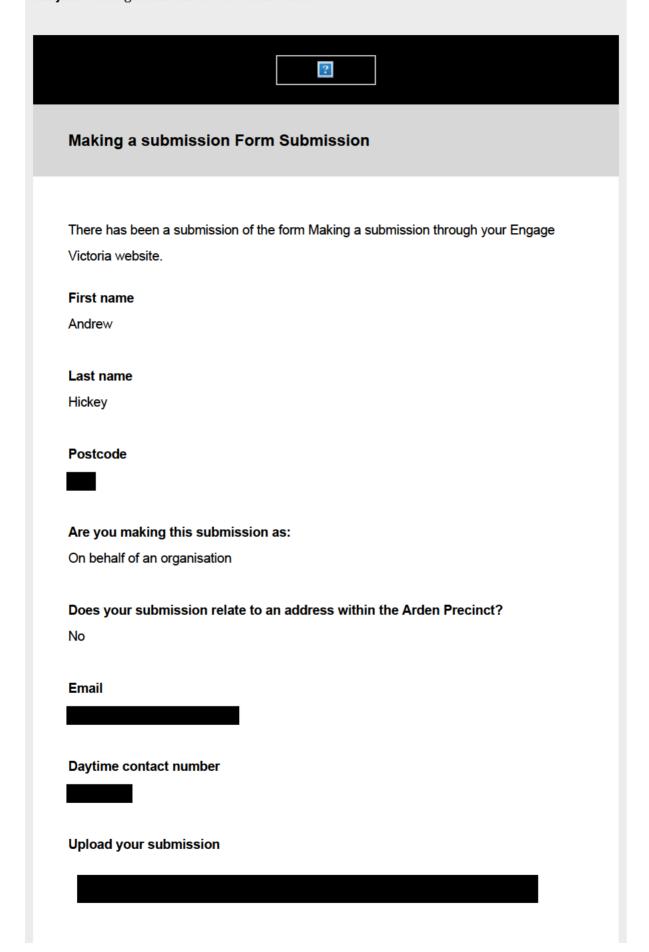
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Victorian Planning Authority Level 25, 35 Collins St Melbourne VIC 3000

Re: Public consultation of the Arden Structure Plan

Greater Western Water has reviewed the Arden Structure Plan, August 2021 and have the following comments and requests regarding Strategy 20.2 and Strategy 20.3 of Objective 20 (p.66 and p.104).

Strategy 20.2: Identify an appropriate location for an alternative water treatment plant (approximately 800sqm) and storage tank (approximately 800sqm) for Arden in the Arden Central – Innovation and Arden Central – Mixed-use sub-precincts.

The decision to locate the alternative water treatment plant in Arden Central is yet to be resolved in GWWs proposed strategy. Discussions with stakeholders including Development Victoria (DV), City of Melbourne (CoM), and Melbourne Water (MW) have highlighted opportunities in Arden Central and Arden North. We therefore request the removal of the specification "in the Arden Central – Innovation and Arden Central – Mixed-use sub-precincts" to allow for flexibility and uncertainty.

Strategy 20.3: Design buildings to capture rainwater to improve stormwater quality and create an alternative water resource

This strategy has been added since GWW last reviewed the Arden Structure Plan in May 2021. GWW support rainwater harvesting and understand this is an important option that should be considered in Arden. However, this may conflict with the alternative water strategy that is being investigated by GWW and the stormwater treatment strategy that is being investigated CoM and MW. The inclusion of a caveat in this strategy such as 'where an alternative water network is not available' could allow for some flexibility in the approach while investigations are being completed. We suggest further consultation with GWW, CoM, MW, and DV is needed to discuss the addition of this strategy in the Arden Structure Plan.

In addition to these comments, we would like to request the following minor edits to the document:

Greater Western Water respectfully acknowledges the peoples of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waterways on which our service area lies. We pay our deepest respects to their Ancestors and Elders past, present and emerging



- References to City West Water (p.66 and p.135) be changed to Greater Western Water and references to CWW (p.134 and p.135) be changed to GWW.
- Add "and Arden North" after Arden Central in paragraph 6, line 2, p.66.

GWW is working with key stakeholders to explore the feasibility of securing an alternative water supply for Arden. Investigations are still underway, with a business case currently being prepared for a local stormwater harvesting scheme. Other potential supply options exist (e.g. rainwater, stormwater, and recycled water). While an alternative water supply for the precinct is yet to be approved, GWW has consulted with key public stakeholders (MW, CoM, DV, Victorian Planning Authority and Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions) who are aware of this decision and support GWW proposing the inclusion of dual pipe infrastructure in Arden Central and Arden North in the Structure Plan. This decision preserves the opportunity for an alternative water supply to be secured for the site.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Hickey,