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Dear Jude

**ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN, STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS AND MINISTERIAL DIRECTION**

Thank you for submitting the revised Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) Annual Business Plan for 2023-2024, updated to reflect key initiatives within *Victoria's Housing Statement – the decade ahead 2024-2034* (the Housing Statement). I am pleased to approve the VPA Annual Business Plan for 2023-2024 and request that the plan be prepared for publication on the VPA's website as a matter of priority.

I am also pleased to provide the attached Ministerial Direction pursuant to section 36(1) of the *Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017*, which sets out my Statement of Expectations (SOE) for the VPA.

The SOE will remain in effect until 30 June 2024 from the date of receipt or until otherwise amended. The SOE outlines the strategic priorities on which I expect the VPA to focus its business activities.

The VPA has been established to deliver government objectives and priorities within the context of the *Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017* and the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. As outlined within the Housing Statement and reflected in new organisational arrangements and initiatives to be delivered by the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), the Victorian Government is placing a new expectation on land, planning and precincts.

This will involve a much stronger emphasis on integrating land use and transport planning, on creating quality places for communities, on delivering important precincts in established Melbourne, and key regional cities and towns.

It will focus on increasing housing supply to meet the needs of a growing Victorian population and importantly will deliver initiatives that will ease housing affordability outcomes in locations close to transport and jobs, providing new opportunities for quality homes and employment.

Government has made an ambitious commitment to deliver 800,000 new homes in Victorian over the next decade. The VPA has an important role to play in contributing towards the achievement of that commitment. The Housing Statement identifies key priority locations for which the VPA will prepare Precinct Structure Plans (PSPs) to enable delivery of more than 60,000 new homes and 60,000 jobs. These 21 PSPs form the core program for the VPA's work program in 2023-24. In addition, I expect the VPA to work in conjunction with the DTP to develop activity plans for 10 initial activity centres. The timely delivery of those core activities will provide a substantial impact on the achievement of Government's housing supply objectives and goals.

In line with its broader functions, I expect the VPA to work in close collaboration with DTP, and in partnership with councils, communities, government agencies and the development industry to pursue the timely delivery of planning programs and projects that meet with Government's objectives, with a high priority focus on the activities identified in the attached Ministerial Direction.

For the 2023-24 financial year, in line with Victorian Government expectations, there will be a strong focus on transparency and accountability for service performance and delivery. An important indicator of the VPA's effectiveness in delivering on government's priority projects and its business activities will be transparent and timely reporting. Performance reporting must demonstrate progress against key objectives and milestones and be provided in a timely manner. Minimum expected reporting requirements are specified within the Ministerial Direction.

Thank you once again for submitting your revised business plan and I look forward to working with you, VPA board members and the VPA as we deliver on Victoria's strategic land use, planning and precincts objectives.

Yours sincerely



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