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Dear Sarah,

Chisholm Institute submission on Officer South Employment PSP

I am the General Counsel at Chisholm Institute (**Chisholm**) and refer to the draft amendment to the Cardinia Planning Scheme to implement the Officer South Employment Precinct Structure Plan (**PSP**).

Chisholm supports the PSP and makes the following written submission to the Victorian Planning Authority (**VPA**):

1. Chisholm is a Victorian Government-owned TAFE provider established under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* (Vic). In 2022, Chisholm employed more than 1,200 people and enrolled almost 36,000 students across our campus locations at Dandenong, Frankston, Berwick, Cranbourne, Mornington Peninsula and Bass Coast, and through workplace training and offshore delivery. Chisholm is driven by its purpose to educate and skill our communities and industries for generations to come and deliver a range of qualifications, including certificates, diplomas, degrees and postgraduate study. Chisholm offers more than 300 courses that have been designed to be accessible, flexible and relevant for students, employers, industry and our community, and place people at the centre of everything we do. As one of Victoria's largest training organisations, Chisholm is committed to supporting and enhancing culturally diverse communities in Melbourne's fast-growing southeast region through the provision of outstanding education and training programs and positive student and employer experiences.¹ The Officer South Employment PSP complements the role and commitments of Chisholm and offers the opportunity to develop new and enhance existing relationships with all of our strategic partners.
2. Upon realisation of the Officer South Employment PSP, Chisholm plans to use or develop its existing land and facilities to accommodate any additional needs that may arise from this project. Chisholm will seek to use existing land and facilities, particularly from the existing Berwick campus, to address any training and education needs. We will partner with industry to offer workplace based training directly within this precinct. Chisholm is also able to explore options for offsite delivery at local Community Houses and Learn Locals as well as other existing or proposed shared public sites in or near the precinct. For example, currently the Chisholm Skills and Jobs Centre delivers free job ready workshops and career counselling services off-site at a variety of Cardinia and Casey Learn Locals and Community Houses.

¹ More information about Chisholm is available on our website at <https://www.chisholm.edu.au/About-Us> or in our annual report at <https://www.chisholm.edu.au/About-Us/Publications>.

3. Chisholm's Berwick campus location at 25 Kangan Drive, Berwick is the closest existing campus to the precinct and is expected to address most operational and other needs arising from the project.² The Berwick campus is ideally situated with excellent road options to Clyde Road and the Princes Freeway with a journey time of about 15-20 minutes drive time between the Berwick Campus and Officer South, and public transport connections via Berwick Station on the Pakenham line with a journey time of about 7 minutes between Berwick and Officer train stations. This campus offers commercial health partnerships with adjacencies to St John of God and Casey Hospitals. Berwick campus includes the Casey Tech School and also offers a range of direct or proximate services and amenities that enhance the campus experience for students, employees, community and other visitors.
4. Chisholm's Campus Master Plan (CMP)³ flags Berwick as a growth campus and notes the expansion potential Berwick has to meet the growing needs of Melbourne's southeast. Berwick campus has significant land available to support development for growth including to accommodate additional delivery needs,⁴ including those that may arise from the PSP. The site has the capacity to be developed for significantly higher densities and future buildings could consider building at a vertical scale in the order of four storeys or more.⁵ A site yield study provides for a total site yields up to 158,900m² of maximum building development of education, carpark and/or commercial development, based on the building scale and site footprints shown in the CMP.⁶ Further, the CMP doesn't generally call for significant investment in new locations but rather to explore expansion opportunities to our existing campuses such as Berwick.

Chisholm welcomes the opportunity to assist the VPA Standing Advisory Committee by being given the opportunity to make a short oral presentation of about 20 minutes to expand on this submission and answer any questions.

Contact

If you have any questions about this submission, please contact either [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

² For more information about the Berwick campus, see <https://www.chisholm.edu.au/locations/berwick>.

³ CMP is available at <https://www.chisholm.edu.au/~media/Files/About/Facilities/Frankston-Redevelopment-Master-Plan>.

⁴ CMP, p 10.

⁵ CMP, p 29.

⁶ CMP, p 32.