



## The Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP

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Ms Sarah Raso  
Lead Chair  
Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee  
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Dear Ms Raso

I refer to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) applications P1296/2024 and P1297/2024 regarding an application to amend an existing development plan (POD/2007/1/J) and the amendment of an existing planning permit (D/10/2020/A) for use and development of the land at 1056-1140 Plenty Road, Bundoora.

I advise that I have decided to call in both proceedings from VCAT under Clause 58(2)(a) of Schedule 1 to the *Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998* as I consider that each proceeding raises a major issue of policy, and the determination of the proceedings may have a substantial effect on the achievement or development of planning objectives.

I have also decided to refer the matters to the Priority Project Standing Advisory Committee for advice and recommendations on whether an amended development plan should be issued in conjunction with the amended planning permit, and if so, any changes to the development plan that might be required and appropriate permit conditions that should be imposed.

On 20 November 2024, the proponent filed an appeal with VCAT under section 149(1)(a) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (PE Act) due to Darebin City Council's refusal to approve the amended development plan application. On 20 November 2024, the proponent also filed an appeal under section 77 of the PE Act due to the council's refusal to grant the amended permit.

The matters raised by the council about both applications broadly relate to:

- Use of the land for predominantly residential development.
- Concerns about neighbourhood character, height, scale, building setbacks, landscaping and urban design.
- Traffic management, car parking and access.

The VCAT hearing for P1296/2024 was scheduled to commence on 17 March 2025 for three days and the hearing for P1297/2024 was scheduled to commence on 28 April 2025 for three days.

The cost of the advisory committee will be met by the proponent, DealCorp Pty Ltd.

Yours sincerely



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Date: 3/3/2025