



The Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP

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Ms Kathy Mitchell AM
Chair (Lead)
Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee
Planning Panels Victoria
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Dear Ms Mitchell

I refer to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) application P336/2024, which relates to the construction of a multi-storey, mixed use building, use of land for a Shop and Food and drink premises, and a reduction in the car parking requirements at 475-481 Church Street, Richmond. The project was referred to me by the Development Facilitation Program.

I advise that I have decided to call in the proceeding from VCAT under Clause 58(2)(a) of Schedule 1 to the *Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998* as I consider that the proceeding raises a major issue of policy and the determination of the proceeding may have a substantial effect on the achievement or development of planning objectives. I have also decided to refer the matter to the Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee for advice and recommendations on whether the planning permit should be issued, and if so, the appropriate permit conditions that should be imposed.

On 26 March 2024, an objector party representing five (5) residents applied to VCAT under section 82(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* for the review of Yarra City Council's decision to grant a permit.

The VCAT hearing is scheduled to commence on 27 January 2025.

The cost of the advisory committee will be met by the applicants, Salta Properties and Zagame.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Adam Henson, Director Development Facilitation of DTP, on email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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