

**Notice of Motion, Cr Mayne**

**Planning matters and the Victorian State Election caretaker period**

**Motion**

That the Future Melbourne Committee:

1. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to send a polite letter to the Minister for Planning by no later than 17 October 2014 which:
  - 1.1 Outlines the list of outstanding items related to the Minister's planning responsibilities which the administration would like to see determined before the Victorian Government goes into caretaker mode ahead of the forthcoming state election; and
  - 1.2 Seeks advice from the Minister on how he believes any outstanding applications should be dealt with during the caretaker period.
2. Requests that the letter referred to in the previous paragraph be listed as an agenda item for noting at the Council meeting on 28 October 2014.

**Background**

There has been a record number of Ministerial planning applications above 25,000 square metres in 2014 and this letter is designed to effectively provide a stock-take of all outstanding applications and allow Council to re-state its position in summary form to the Minister.

The Council is also awaiting advice from the Minister on a diverse range of other planning matters such as:

- Approval of Amendment C196;
- The Minister's decision on the requested planning scheme amendment related to the Suncorp site;
- Exhibition of the Bourke Hill precinct planning scheme amendment;
- Application of the new residential zones (once advisory panel has reported);
- Removal of the incorporated document permitting shadowing of the north bank of the Yarra by a development at 555 Collins St;
- Council's request for a \$900 developer contribution to be introduced on apartments in the Hoddle Grid;
- Release of the Victorian Apartment Design Standards;
- Council's request to be given access to departmental advice on applications where the Minister is the Responsible Authority; and
- Council's request for the 25,000 square metre rule to be changed or removed.

The production of one simple letter summarising the outstanding issues will allow Councillors, officers, the Minister, DTPLI, the Government, the Opposition and the public to better understand the diverse range of important matters which will either be determined by the current Minister before the government goes into caretaker mode or determined by the next Planning Minister after the state election.

**Moved:** Cr Mayne