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Dear Cr Ratnam

MORELAND PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C142

I refer to Amendment C142 to the Moreland Planning Scheme which was submitted for approval under Section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act).

The amendment seeks to introduce a new Local Planning Policy titled Moreland Apartment Design Code and add it as a reference document to the Moreland Planning Scheme.

At this stage, I consider it would be premature to approve Amendment C142, given the outcomes of the State led *Better Apartments* project are not yet known. I want to ensure that making a decision regarding Amendment C142 does not result in duplication of the *Better Apartments* work or create investment uncertainty. I have decided to make no decision on Amendment C142 and exempt myself from the timeframes specified in Ministerial Direction 15, specifically the requirement for a decision to be made on an amendment within 40 business days of receiving the adopted amendment. I will reassess this decision once the outcomes of the *Better Apartments* project are known.

I wish to acknowledge the significant time and resources council has committed to Amendment C142, and thank you for its contribution to the apartment standards debate more generally.

In making this decision, I acknowledge that, pursuant to section 60(1)(h) of the Act, a responsible authority must consider, before deciding on an application, "*any amendment to the planning scheme which has been adopted by a planning authority but not, as at the date on which the application is considered, approved by the Minister or a planning authority*".

If you have any queries, please contact Rachael Joiner, Director Planning Services and Impact Assessment, Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning on (03) 8392 5511.

Yours sincerely

HON RICHARD WYNNE MP
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