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Dear Mr Rochfort

RE: PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE SHEPPARTON SOUTH EAST PRECINCT STRUCTURE PLAN (PSP) AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN (DCP) AND DRAFT AMENDMENT C117GSHE TO THE GREATER SHEPPARTON PLANNING SCHEME

Thank you for your correspondence of 12 February 2024 providing the Department of Education (DE) with the opportunity to comment on the draft amendment C117GSHE to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme, which will implement the Shepparton South East Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) and Development Contributions Plan, currently being exhibited for public consultation.

DE notes that the PSP allocates land for one (1) proposed government primary school, known to DE as: *Shepparton Aqueduct Proposed P6 (interim name)*.

The number of proposed government school sites in the PSP is considered to be appropriate, with this assessment based on the projected development within the PSP area, encompassing approximately 2,500 new homes intended to accommodate an estimated population exceeding 6,000 residents. It must be noted that this advice may change if the dwelling and/or population forecasts were to change significantly.

DE notes that it has provided extensive informal input and advice to inform the development of this precinct structure plan. Additionally, DE has submitted written comments to the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) dated 24 June 2022 (initial submission) and 21 March 2023 (supplementary submission) as part of the Agency Validation stage of the precinct structure planning process.

After reviewing the draft public consultation documentation, DE appreciates that all raised issues have been subsequently addressed by the VPA. Following the resolution of the identified issues, DE wishes to confirm its support for the PSP and the draft amendment.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, you may contact Katholiki Giordamnis, Senior Planner, Infrastructure and Planning Branch, Department of Education on [REDACTED] or by email: [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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