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Dear Damien Tangey

**Victorian Planning Authority Statement of Expectations, Ministerial Direction and Annual Business Plan.**

I am pleased to provide the attached Ministerial Direction pursuant to Section 36(1) of the *Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017*, which sets out my Statement of Expectations (SOE) for the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA). The SOE will remain in effect until 30 June 2025 from the date of receipt or until otherwise amended.

The SOE outlines the strategic priorities on which I expect the VPA to focus its business activities.

I am also pleased to accept the annual business plan for 2024 -2025. The annual business plan may now be made available on the VPA's website.

The VPA's short term priority is to continue to support the delivery of two key programs under *Victoria's Housing Statement: the decade ahead 2024-2034*: activity centres (as provider to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP)) and for priority planning projects for growing suburbs.

Beyond this, the VPA will play a key role in supporting implementation of the forthcoming plan for Victoria and complementary work by supporting a strong pipeline of residential land supply in greater Melbourne and for key regional cities and towns. The VPA will also support the State's employment base by playing a key role in delivering zoned industrial land in designated areas – including the Northern Freight Precinct.

With policy in place for 70 per cent of Melbourne's growth to be accommodated in established areas and 30 per cent in greenfield areas, Government has shifted focus to unlock development capacity in activity centres and other established areas close to

transport and services. Accordingly, the VPA's work program has been adjusted. I expect the VPA will continue to work closely with DTP to deliver housing choice and diversity in locations close to jobs, infrastructure and services.

There continues to be a clear role for metropolitan greenfield development in the short and medium term – this form of development, when well-planned and delivered, is an essential ingredient in our housing mix. I expect the VPA to play a key role in the delivery of a ten-year forward pipeline of greenfield plans in Melbourne. The VPA will support rezoning to enable capacity to meet housing targets set by the Housing Statement. This capacity will be sequenced and staged to align with infrastructure thresholds, with higher densities targeted into well-located areas and a strong emphasis on creating thriving places and connected communities.

In delivering its work program, I expect the VPA to work in close collaboration with DTP, and in partnership with councils, communities, government agencies, the development industry and Registered Aboriginal Parties to pursue the timely delivery of funded planning programs and projects as identified in the attached Ministerial Direction.

In line with Victorian Government expectations, there will be a strong focus on efficiency, transparency and accountability for service performance and delivery. An important indicator of the VPA's effectiveness in delivering on the Government's priority projects and its business activities will be transparent and timely reporting. Performance reporting must demonstrate progress against key objectives and milestones and be provided in a timely manner.

Finally, I draw your attention to the role of the Secretary of DTP as set out in section 13A(2) of the *Public Administration Act 2004*. The Secretary is responsible for advising me on matters relating to the VPA, and I ask that you work closely with the Secretary to support him in this role and facilitate coordinated advice to me on the VPA's programs and projects.

Yours sincerely



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Encl. Ministerial Direction