

Thank you for the opportunity to make submission to the Bannockburn South East Precinct Structure Plan. I sincerely apologise for the tardiness of the submission brought about by my having to take unexpected bereavement leave.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools has identified the need for one primary school within the precinct and provides its strategic justification as part of this submission.

Immense efforts have been made by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) to strategically justify Catholic school sites through the Precinct Structure Planning Process resulting in designation of many non-government school sites on approved Precinct Structure Plans to facilitate Catholic school delivery.

However, experience on the ground has seen many sites intended for Catholic school delivery lost. MACS cannot continue to absorb any further loss if it is to meet its quota in Catholic school delivery into the future.

Our submission outlines mechanisms that can be implemented through the Precinct Structure Planning Process to provide more certainty for delivery of non-government schools and include:

- Reintroduce Catholic education as the lead agency for school delivery within the Lead agency table of a PSP.
- Designate sites strategically justified for Catholic schools as non-government (Catholic) on the Precinct Structure plan.
- Establish the willingness of the landowner to transact with Catholic Education before a site is designated for a Catholic school.
- Introduce the Special Use Zone-Education as the underlying zone for schools within Precinct Structure Plan area.

Ensure that the Independent Education sector demand is considered with

the delivery of the Precinct Structure Plan.

In summary, MACS seeks more certainty and fairness in the planning process to ensure sufficient land is available for Catholic schools, with a focus on improving the clarity of zoning, the allocation of land, and reducing inequitable financial barriers to land acquisition.

Enclosed is our submission to the exhibited Amendment.

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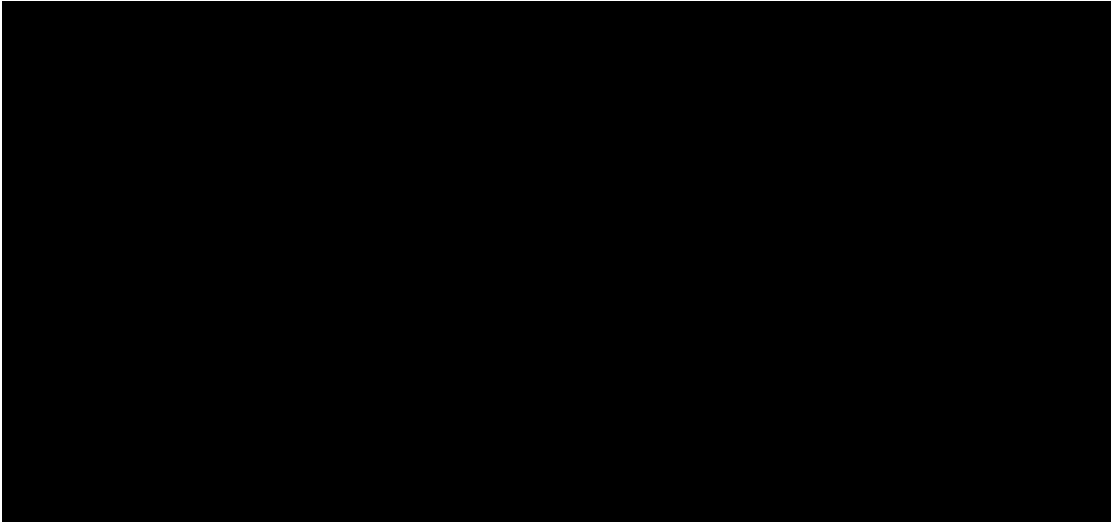
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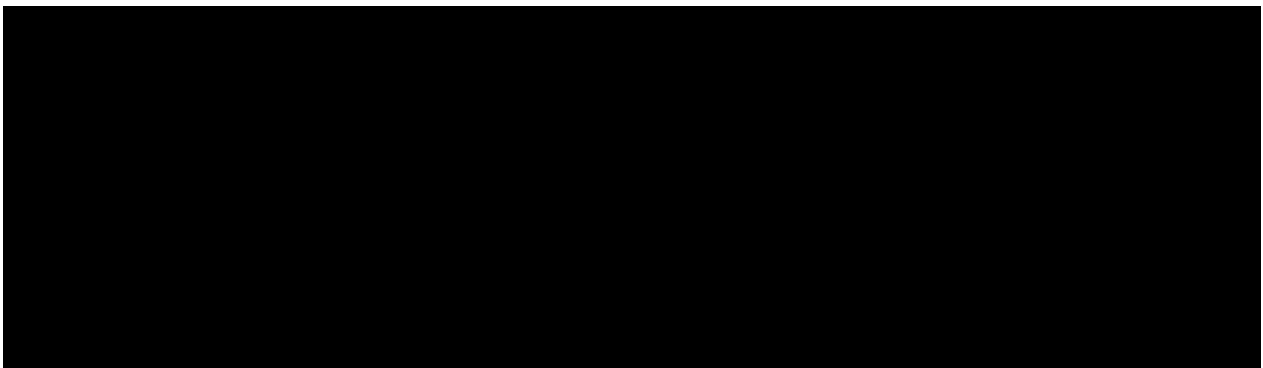
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Thank you for your response and letting us know that MACS will be submitting.

Please reach out if you have any queries to assist with your submission.



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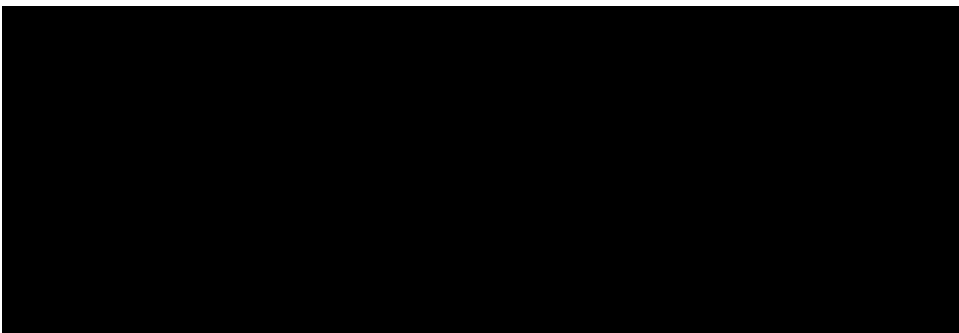



Thank you for your email.

A submission has been prepared and is in the process of being reviewed internally. I understand that the deadline for submissions is 15 June 2025.

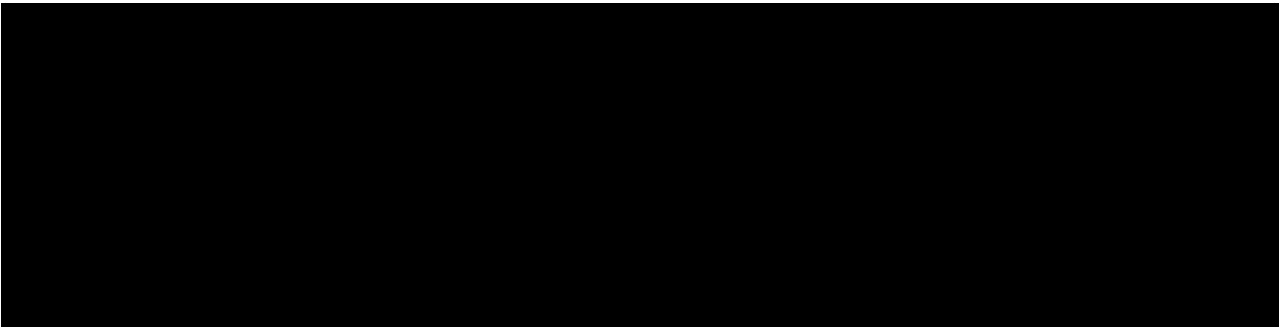
We are working towards making this deadline.

Regards





We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, students and families in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.



I hope you're both well.

As you might be aware, the draft Bannockburn South East Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) is out on public consultation ([see EngageVic](#)). For reference, our last correspondence regarding the potential non-government primary school is attached.

We wanted to:

1. ask if MACS will be formally submitting a response to Amendment C107gpla.
2. inform you about how we seek to respond to resident submissions related to private secondary school demand.
3. ask if you have any further information you can provide us that would assist with our response (see below).

We have received submissions from residents who believe there is scope for more private schools in Bannockburn, potentially within the South East precinct. Our response to these submissions will be along the following lines:

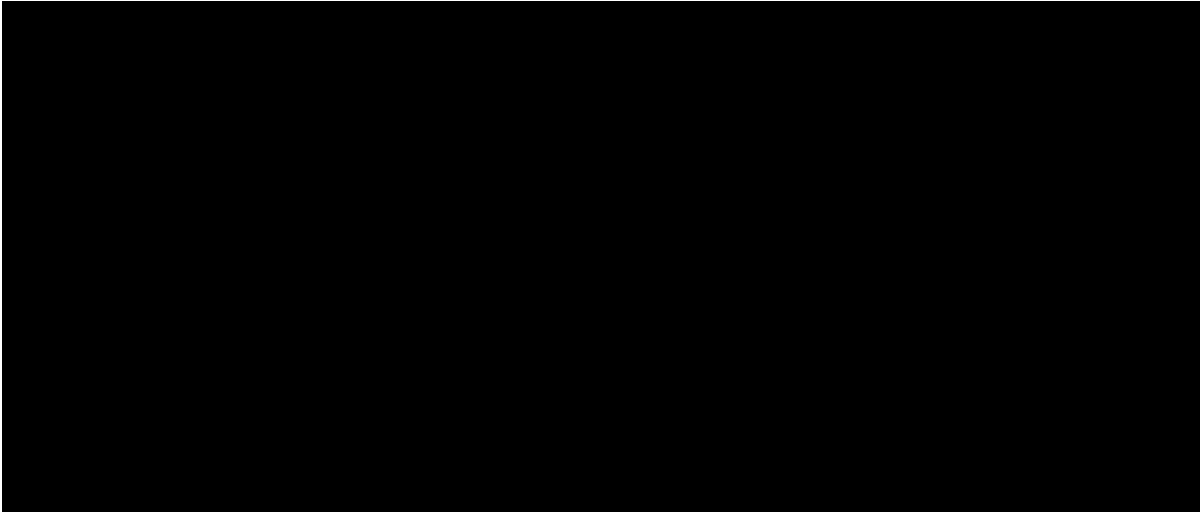
The Bannockburn South East PSP includes space for one non-government primary school. This is based on advice from Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools, who identified a need for a future Catholic primary school and recommended that 3 hectares be set aside for this purpose.

At this stage, based on projected enrolments and analysis in the Community Infrastructure Assessment (ASR Research, July 2024), an additional independent secondary school hasn't been identified as a high priority. That said, we understand

that preferences for schooling vary and that demand can change over time. The Bannockburn Growth Plan provides flexibility for non-government providers to consider other precincts to locate 7-12 schooling as the community grows.

Happy to chat further if needed.

Kind regards,



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