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Dear [REDACTED],

Melbourne Water submission - draft amendment C477ggee

This letter is Melbourne Water's submission in respect of draft planning scheme amendment C477Ggee (Draft Amendment).

Melbourne Water understands that the Greater Avalon Employment Precinct (Precinct) is being master planned in two sub-precincts:

- Greater Avalon Employment Precinct North (**GAEP North Precinct**)
- Greater Avalon Employment Precinct West (**GAEP West Precinct**)

Melbourne Water is the designated catchment management authority for most of the GAEP North Precinct, while drainage responsibility for GAEP West Precinct rests with the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority and the City of Greater Geelong.

Melbourne Water notes that the Draft Amendment primarily relates to the GAEP West Precinct, with only local policy at Clause 11.03-6L-06 impacting the GAEP North Precinct.

Melbourne Water adopts a neutral position in respect to the GAEP West Precinct.

In respect of the GAEP North Precinct, Melbourne Water notes that the provisions of the proposed Clause 11.03-6L-06 set out a list of matters that

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are to 'support' the future strategic planning of the GAEP North Precinct. This includes *'Confidence in the ability to deliver a drainage development services scheme including obtaining the relevant environmental approvals and obligations under state and federal legislation.'*

Melbourne Water remains concerned that the delivery of drainage to service the GAEP North Precinct will require extensive additional design work and subsequent landowner and environmental approvals, and that the pathway to resolve and obtain those approvals is currently unclear. If one or more of those approvals is not obtained, the GAEP North Precinct may not be able to be drained and in turn may not be able to be developed as envisaged by the proposed local policy.

Presently, the drafting of this provision does not appropriately convey these risks. The use of language such as *'confidence in the ability'* and *'obtainingobligations under state and federal legislation'* requires further consideration and amendment.

Melbourne Water requests the opportunity to work with the Department of Transport and Planning to ensure that the drafting of Clause 11.03-6L-06 appropriately conveys the extent of further investigations and approvals that will be required to confirm that the GAEP North Precinct is able to be drained and developed.

To discuss this letter, please contact [REDACTED]
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Yours sincerely

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