



Victorian Planning Authority
35 Collins Street
Melbourne Victoria 3000

SUBMISSION ON DRAFT AMENDMENT C295case

The Devon Meadows Fire Brigade Management Team have reviewed the draft amendment as published on 07th March 2025 and make the following submission with respect to the fire service response capability for the area.

The methods used to assess fire service capability appear to be inadequate in that they use fire station per population and/or fire station location. Much of the plan focuses on bushfire risk but doesn't appear to address the additional fire risks that come with residential and industrial infrastructure.

Generally, Fire Stations are resourced based on the risk of the area they operate in. We refer to this area as our "primary response area" and "support area." The proposed plan will significantly change this risk in the Devon Meadows primary response area and the supporting areas for other Brigades. This means the Brigades resourcing will need to be reviewed in line with the new risks associated with the proposed plan.

Specifically, the Devon Meadows Fire Brigade was originally set up to service a rural area. The major risk was grass/wildland fire. In the last decade or so, development of both the primary and supporting response areas have meant the risk has changed to a more urbanised footprint. Should the proposed plan go ahead, Devon Meadows Fire Brigade will find itself responsible for an urban rural interface which will bring into question the appropriateness of its current resources.

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Therefore, the Brigade Management Team strongly recommends that the VPA consult with the Country Fire Authority on these matters to ensure that the Devon Meadows Fire Brigade can continue to provide an adequate emergency response capability for the community.

Yours Sincerely

Devon Meadows BMT

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We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Custodians of the land. We pay our respects to Elders, past and present.