29 June 2023

The Hon. Sonya Kilkenny
Minister for Planning
C/- State Planning Services
Level 8, 8 Nicholson Street
East Melbourne VIC 3002

Dear Minister

Notice of decision to abandon amendment
Maribyrnong Planning Scheme Amendment C172mari
West Footscray Inter-war and Post-war Heritage Precinct Study

I am writing to notify you of Council's resolution to abandon Amendment C172mari to the Maribyrnong Planning Scheme and to foreshadow an upcoming request that you exercise your powers of intervention to remove associated interim heritage overlay controls.

Council resolved at its Ordinary Meeting on 20 June 2023 to abandon Amendment C172mari on the basis that "Financial impacts on property owners outweigh the benefits associated with heritage protection in this instance".

Amendment C172 proposed to apply the Heritage Overlay to eight new precincts identified in the *West Footscray Inter-war and Post-war Heritage Precinct Study* 2021 on a permanent basis, rezone the precincts to Neighbourhood Residential Zone, and make other associated changes to the Maribyrnong Planning Scheme.

An equivalent Heritage Overlay was applied via Amendment C173mari to protect the precincts on an interim basis during the Amendment C172mari process and expires on 27 November 2023. Given the process to consider permanent controls has now concluded, the existing interim Heritage Overlay is now redundant and should be promptly removed.

Amendment C172mari documentation and Council meeting minutes have been lodged via the Amendment Tracking System. Council's request to remove the redundant interim controls (Amendment C181mari) will be lodged in the coming days.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Virginia Howe, Coordinator Strategic Planning, on 9688 0235.

Yours Sincerely

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Manager City Places