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Dear David,

### **Residential Zones Standing Advisory Committee – Melbourne Draft Amendment C179**

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Thank you for your letter dated 8 September 2014 regarding the consideration of submissions that relate to the existing application of the General Residential Zone in the Melbourne Planning Scheme.

As advised in the Committee's directions dated 4 September 2014, the Committee is only directly considering matters relating to the Neighbourhood Residential Zone and Residential Growth Zone as proposed in draft Amendment C179. The existing General Residential Zone was introduced into the Melbourne Planning Scheme on 13 June 2014 and does not form part of the draft Amendment, except that it includes a proposed change to the name of the schedule.

In relation to submissions about the existing General Residential Zone, the Committee will have regard to these where they inform its broader considerations about the application of the Neighbourhood Residential Zone and the Residential Growth Zone. However, it is limited in the extent to which it can consider changes to the existing application of this zone given that it was not included in the draft Amendment. Recommending changes to the General Residential Zone would raise 'natural justice' issues given the likelihood that parties with an interest in this zone did not make submissions because it was not included in the draft Amendment.

The Committee is satisfied that its approach is consistent with its Terms of Reference.

I hope this is of assistance and if the City of Melbourne wishes to discuss this issue further there will be an opportunity at the commencement of the Hearing on Monday 15 September.

If you have any queries please contact Ms Jessica Cutting, Senior Project Manager at Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 8392 6383 or [jessica.cutting@dtpli.vic.gov.au](mailto:jessica.cutting@dtpli.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

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