

4th March 2018

Submission re Proposed Macedon Ranges Localised Planning Statement

I wish to register the strongest possible objection to the proposed Localised Planning Scheme for the Macedon Ranges. It is quite clear that the so-called protection of the Macedon Ranges in this proposal is nothing more than State Government rhetoric which is designed to cover up the “green light” which this document gives to property developers. I would like to make the following points:

- The legislation which the State Government promised to protect the Macedon Ranges is not remotely satisfied by this proposal. Instead of specifically supporting the flora and fauna of this unique region, the current proposal has the potential to allow rampant, unchecked development at the whim of the Government;
- Many studies have demonstrated the importance of green space, not only to rural areas, but also to suburbs and the central city;
- There has been little or no consultation with local resident groups. If the Government was acting in good faith, this lack of consultation could not possibly occur;
- There is already a document in place which provides far greater and specific protection for the Macedon Ranges. Given this situation, it is clear that the State Government is not acting honestly and transparently, and is intent on rushing through this proposal for the benefit of property developers but against the wishes of residents and ratepayers.

I urge the State Government to reconsider this dishonest and ill-judged proposal.


Macedon Ranges Resident & Ratepayer