

**To:** Whom it may concern

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)

**Re: Macedon Ranges Draft Localised Planning statement**

**From:** [REDACTED]; Victoria

Dear Sir/Madame

I am writing this submissive to ask that the proposed "Macedon Ranges Draft Localised Planning statement" be rejected. With regards to the Woodend township.

Many residents of Woodend worked closely with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to develop the Woodend Town Structure plan that was adopted in 2015. And the following C98 Amendment

In addition the Victorian Minister for Planning, the Hon. Richard Wynne, Identified the entire Macedon ranges should be protected by the draft legislation: Planning and Environment Amendment (Distinctive Areas and Landscapes) Bill 2017

The LPS document:

- Fails to establish the basis of a sound integrated 50 year vision, the document instead provides a list of obvious statements, with no clarification or establishment of priorities.
- Fails to "Identify" or indeed document how to "Protect", the unique distinctive features of the Macedon Ranges identified by the Planning Minister.
- Fails to address what elements are binding. The document says that government agencies "must consider it when making relevant decisions and carrying out activities in the policy area." This does not meet the legislative requirement
- Fails to incorporate the three local Aboriginal communities into the plan to protect and conserve the shire.
- Fails to differentiate clearly the difference between a "Protected settlement boundary" and a "Settlement Boundary" creating confusion with the regards to the intended growth areas of several townships, including Woodend.

- Fails to recognise existing town boundaries, by allowing previously designated “Investigation Areas” to be included without any definition of when, how or why these investigation areas should be included if required.

I believe this LPS document is not in keeping with the excellent planning work already produced:

- Macedon Ranges Shire Council’s Adopted 2015 Woodend Town Structure Plan
- Town boundary as adopted in the Macedon Ranges Shire Council’s Accepted Amendment C98
- Protection Advisory Committee’s report

As a resident of the Macedon ranges and specifically [REDACTED]. I request that this localised planning statement document be scrapped and a new localised planning statement is produced which draws from the large body of excellent planning work, previously adopted by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Yours Sincerely

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