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Dear Ms Mitchell

REFERRAL OF DRAFT SURF COAST STATEMENT OF PLANNING POLICY AND PROPOSED LANDSCAPE PLANING CONTROLS TO THE DISTINCTIVE AREAS AND LANDSCAPES STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In accordance with the terms of reference for the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Standing Advisory Committee, I am writing to refer the draft Surf Coast Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) and proposed landscape planning controls to the committee for advice.

The Victorian Government is committed to protecting areas of outstanding environmental, cultural and economic significance. As part of this commitment, the Surf Coast region that includes land within the Shire of Surf Coast and the City of Greater Geelong was declared a 'distinctive area and landscape' under Part 3AAB of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* on 19 September 2019.

Following declaration, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has prepared a draft Surf Coast SPP in collaboration with the Traditional Owners, the Wadawurrung, Surf Coast Shire Council, the City of Greater Geelong and government agencies. This is a significant policy document that will set the direction for making land use planning, management and development decisions by responsible public entities within the Surf Coast declared area over a 50-year period.

The draft SPP has been informed by two previous rounds of public engagement including feedback from responsible public entities. It has also been informed by several technical studies, including a Wadawurrung cultural heritage summary, landscape assessment, settlement background paper and township character assessment.

DELWP now intends to commence public consultation and seek written submissions on the draft SPP and proposed landscape planning controls.

I am requesting the committee considers all written submissions received and advises me on the robustness of the draft SPP and proposed landscape planning controls in meeting the objects of Section 46AN the Act as outlined in the terms of reference. This includes making recommendations on any amendments needed to the draft SPP and proposed landscape planning controls.

Additionally, consistent with your terms of reference I request that Planning Panels Victoria collect all written submissions and publish them on your website subject to meeting privacy requirements.

I have written to Cr Stephanie Asher, Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong, and Cr Rose Hodge, Mayor of Surf Coast Shire Council to inform them of this referral.

The draft SPP, proposed landscape planning controls and background documents will be forwarded to Planning Panels Victoria when public consultation commences.

If you require any further information, please contact Matt Vincent, Executive Director, Planning Implementation, DELWP, on 8392 5570 or matt.vincent@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



HON RICHARD WYNNE MP
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