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Proposed changes to Toolern Precinct Structure Plan

City of Melton residents are invited to have their say on proposed changes to the Toolern Precinct Structure Plan and Developer Contributions Plan.

Melton City Council has proposed changes for the plans, which cover areas around Cobblebank, Strathtulloh, parts of Thornhill Park and Weir Views.

The proposed plan was one of the first of its kind in Victoria when it was initially adopted in 2010.

In the 14 years since it was developed, the City of Melton has experienced unprecedented growth.

To ensure the Toolern PSP area is supported with the essential infrastructure it requires such as roads, bridges, foot and bike paths, drainage, public and community spaces, Council undertook an extensive review process of the documents.

The review found significant shortfalls in funding and land being reserved for key transport, community and recreation infrastructure.

To address these issues, Council has proposed a substantial increase in Development Infrastructure Levies, paid by land developers.

Proposed changes can be viewed online at the Department of Transport and Planning, and on the City of Melton website from Monday 8 April 2024.

Submissions are open until Thursday 16 May 2024.

Find out more: conversations.melton.vic.gov.au/AmendmentC232melt

Quotes attributable to City of Melton Deputy Mayor Cr Steven Abboushi

“As the fastest growing region in Australia, we know growth represents great opportunity, but it also has its challenges. As a Council we want to ensure that we can manage this growth in a sustainable and equitable way. We want to provide our residents with the essential infrastructure a growing and thriving community deserves.”

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“The review process for the Toolern PSP and DCP documents has involved many project stakeholder groups. It has been extensive and thorough, but it was important we got the basics right.”

“We are confident the amendments to the Toolern PSP and DCP will ensure the suburbs of Cobblebank, Strathtulloh, Thornhill Park and Weir Views are liveable, prosperous and vibrant.”

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