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To whom it may concern,

Melton City Council provided the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (WWCHAC) with an Exhibition Letter concerning the proposed C232melt Amendment on 08.04.2024. The provided and/or publically available information has been internally reviewed and subsequently presented to the WWCHAC Cultural Heritage Unit Elders. The Elders have endorsed the following feedback regarding C232melt:

1. [WWCHAC regards best practice for any PSP as undertaking](#) an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage [Impact Assessment \(ACHIA\)](#) and a Cultural Values Assessment (CVA) to identify Aboriginal cultural values associated with wider landscapes and devise protective measures to promote the management and preservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage, [including](#) tangible and intangible Aboriginal [cultural](#) heritage. [However, it does not appear that a ACHIA and CVA have been completed for this PSP.](#)
2. WWCHAC has developed strong relationships with many [LGAs](#) throughout the Wurundjeri RAP area. It is recommended that Melton City Council consider the efforts of other [LGAs](#) in protecting Aboriginal cultural heritage. This may include contacting bodies such as Whittlesea City Council to further discuss their efforts [in Aboriginal cultural heritage, which are regarded as best practice by WWCHAC](#), and how a similar approach could be integrated into the Melton PSP.
3. In accordance with s.61 the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*, WWCHAC advocate for any developer to devise protective measures for Aboriginal cultural heritage, typically through either avoidance or minimisation of harm to registered Aboriginal Places. This has been achieved via a variety of methods, including exploration of alternative construction methods, or the rearrangement of development plans to incorporate open space at the [locations of Aboriginal cultural heritage and places](#). The Melton PSP should provide developers with the scope to protect cultural heritage, and allow flexibility [in changes to the PSP should Aboriginal cultural heritage and cultural values be identified](#).
4. The Elders have identified that HO129 is likely to be a [location of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance](#). It is known [the](#) Staughton family developed strong relationships with Wurundjeri [Woi-wurrung](#) people during their occupation of the Exford Estate. The Elders encourage the inclusion of HO129 into the Heritage Overlay, and advise that Melton City Council consider the importance of both HO129 and HO130 to the Wurundjeri [Woi-wurrung](#) community. A concern has also been raised regarding whether Aboriginal burials may be present in the vicinity of these

places.

5. Further consultation around these matters is welcomed with the Cultural Heritage Unit which manages compliance with the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006, and the Research Unit which investigates and documents Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values. Please note we have long wait times for meetings at the moment, so securing a booking with the Cultural Heritage Unit and Research Unit soon is recommended.

Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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