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Dear Sir/Madam,

MELTON PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C243MELT - RIDING FOR DISABLED ASSOCIATED OF VICTORIA RELOCATION WITHIN THE ROCKBANK NORTH PRECINCT STRUCTURE PLAN

Thank you for your correspondence of 9 July 2024 pursuant to Section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act).

Council has given the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) notice of a proposed Melton planning scheme amendment C243melt that seeks to facilitate the relocation of the Riding for Disabled Associated of Victoria (RDAV) horse-riding school to an alternative site within the *Rockbank North Precinct Structure Plan* (PSP) area.

The amendment proposes to o make the following changes to the Melton Planning Scheme and the planning controls on the affected land as applicable:

- Insert a new Incorporated Document titled “*RDAV Melton and District Riding for the Disabled Facility Incorporated Document, July 2024*” into the Schedule to Clause 72.04 (Incorporated Documents).
- Amend the Schedule to Clause 45.12 – Specific Control Overlay (SCO), to refer to the new Incorporated Document.
- Insert a new Planning Scheme Map No9 SCO to apply the SCO to the subject site.
- Amend the Schedule to Clause 72.03 - *What Does This Planning Scheme Consist Of?*, to identify the inclusion of the Specific Control Overlay within Map 9.
- Amend the existing Incorporated Document, titled “*RDAV Rockbank Facility Incorporated Document, July 2013 (amended July 2024)*” and amend its references in Clause 51.01 and Clause 72.04.

DEECA Comments

The land subject to the amendment and proposed site-specific provision is covered by the Final approval for urban development for the Western growth corridor, North-western growth corridor and Northern Growth Corridor on 2 September 2013 under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) and the Melbourne Strategic Assessment (MSA) Program.

The new RDAV site includes parcels of land that contain land identified in the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy as ‘Conservation Area 15.’ Under the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Melbourne’s Growth Corridors urban development is required to be excluded from Conservation Area 15 and it is to be protected and managed as a conservation area in perpetuity.

DEECA **does not object** to the proposed planning scheme amendment C243melt subject to the following amendments to the conditions of the incorporated document *RDAV Melton and District Riding for the Disabled Facility Incorporated Document, July 2024* as detailed in **Attachment 1** and summarised below:

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Landscaping:

Condition 3 updated to require that the Stormwater Management Strategy (SWMS) to be submitted to and approved by the Secretary to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.

Noise, Lighting and Amenity:

Condition 18 updated to reference land identified as a 'Conservation Area' and for the condition to be to the satisfaction of Secretary to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.

Security of conservation land:

Condition 21 deleted from the incorporated document.

Fencing of conservation areas:

Condition 22 amended to remove references to subdivision and planning permits and instead reference the permitted use. Condition 22 amended to reference livestock as to be excluded from the fenced [conservation area].

Construction environmental management plan:

Condition 24 amended to remove references to subdivision and planning permits.

Eastern Grey Kangaroo:

Condition 25 deleted from the incorporated document.

Land management plan for conservation area:

Condition 26 amended to remove references to subdivision and planning permits and instead reference the permitted use. Condition 22 amended to require the land management plan to be implemented for the duration of the permitted use.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact [REDACTED] MSA Conservation Planning at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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12 August 2024