



Kelvin Tori
Chief Executive Officer
Melton City Council
232 High Street
Melton VIC 3337

Dear Mr Tori,

Re: New Melton Hospital

As you are aware, the Victorian Government has recently committed an additional \$75 million to secure a site and progress capital planning for a new Melton Hospital. I write in relation to the meeting between the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA) and Melton City Council officers of 8 June 2021 regarding this important project.

At the outset I would like to acknowledge the partnership between state and local government agencies in the development of the Toolern Precinct Structure Plan and the planning of the future hospital. Collaboration between state and local government is key to delivering important community infrastructure and we look forward to continuing to work with you and your team throughout the project's delivery.

The new Melton Hospital is of utmost importance, as Melton is one of Australia's fastest growing communities, with a population forecast to more than double from 2017 to 2041. When coupled with the lack of existing health facilities in Melton leading to lower than average health and wellbeing indicators and lower life expectancy by City of Melton residents, the need for improved health service provision is significant to the region.

The new Melton Hospital will be managed by Western Health, and the VHBA will deliver this new facility on behalf of the Victorian Government.

The Victorian Government has selected 245-267 Ferris Road, Cobblebank as the preferred location for the proposed Melton Hospital following an extensive planning process between state and local governments. This site is located within the future Cobblebank Metropolitan Activity Centre and further outlined in the Toolern Precinct Structure Plan.



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Please note: a draft plan of subdivision is currently being prepared which will confirm precise parcel dimensions

To progress site acquisition for the new Melton Hospital, the Minister for Health has approved the compulsory acquisition of this property, which will be undertaken in accordance with the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986*. The landowner and surrounding landowners have been consulted as part of this process.

To facilitate the acquisition, a Planning Scheme Amendment will be undertaken to apply a Public Acquisition Overlay to the land. This will reserve the land to be acquired for a public purpose, namely the new Melton Hospital.

The VHBA has requested the Amendment be undertaken by the Minister for Planning pursuant to s20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. This process has been selected due to the significance of the project, as well as the requirement to provide site certainty for the substantial planning and design activities that are required to progress the future delivery of the Melton Hospital.

I write to request Melton City Council's support for the Public Acquisition Overlay to be applied via a Planning Scheme Amendment to be undertaken pursuant to a s20(4) process. In order to achieve the required submission timeframes, your written response by 30 June 2021 would be appreciated.

If you have questions in relation to the above, please contact Deanne Leaver, Executive General Manager, Asset Strategy on 0417 307 649 or deanne.leaver@health.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely



Robert Fiske

Chief Executive Officer

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