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Dear Mr Tori

DUPLICATE ROAD NAMES – THE ESPLANADE –TAYLORS HILL, CAROLINE SPRINGS, AND SYDENHAM

I write to draw your attention to the duplication of the roads named “The Esplanade”, in Taylors Hill, Caroline Springs and in Sydenham, within the City of Brimbank.

Under s.5 of Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, municipal councils must comply with the *Guidelines for Geographic Names* applicable at the time, with respect to road naming. In particular, *Principle 1(D) Ensuring names are not duplicated*, in the *Guidelines for Geographic Names 2010 Version 2* and its equivalent in past Guidelines is of importance. Duplication of road names within close proximity creates ambiguity and potential confusion for emergency services and other communication services.

The Esplanade in Taylors Hill and Caroline Springs were named as a result of plans of subdivision that were registered long after The Esplanade, Sydenham was named. As part of the process of accepting plans of subdivision, Councils are expected to check for duplication of roads named. This clearly does not appear to have occurred.

Brimbank City Council was approached by a property owner at The Esplanade, Sydenham, who is experiencing problems with postal and emergency services, due to confusion arising from the duplicated road names. The duplicated roads are within 5km (see map enclosed) which are unacceptable for a metropolitan urban area and within adjoining localities, and poses an unacceptable risk to public safety.

Consequently, as this matter is a public safety issue, in accordance with the Guidelines, I request that your Council renames the most recent duplication, The Esplanade, Taylors Hill.

150 years of Torrens title in Victoria 1862–2012

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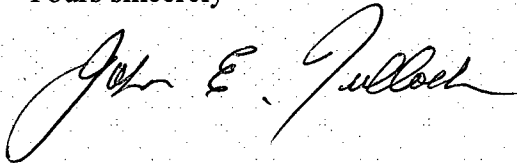


Under *Section 4.2.1 How to initiate a proposal*, if the reason for renaming a road is in the interests of public safety then **“council must respond within 30 days and action the request within one council meeting of that initial response”**. It would be appreciated if your Council could advise as its actions under Section 4.2.1, to address the duplication identified.

I envisage that your Council will work together with Brimbank City Council to duly comply with the requirements under the Guidelines.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Margaret Marangos on (03) 8636 2525 or email margaret.marangos@dse.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John E. Tulloch', written in a cursive style.

John E Tulloch
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