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Dear Ms Monk

REQUEST FOR ADVICE FROM THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT PANEL MELBOURNE RACING CLUB - PROPOSED PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT

In accordance with the general Terms of Reference of the Priority Development Panel (PDP), I am requesting the PDP to provide me with advice on a proposed amendment to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

Since February 2007, officers of the Department have been in discussions with representatives of Council and the Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) about the proposed mixed use development on land north of the Caulfield Racecourse.

To date agreement has not been reached on how to progress an amendment. The outstanding issues relate primarily to the level of information available to allow proper consideration of the proposal.

In providing the advice to me, I request that the PDP address the following matters:

- Whether the detail currently available for the project is adequate (having particular regard to the strategic justification of the project, potential traffic impacts and proposed future uses).
- Whether additional information is required to be provided.
- The appropriateness of using the Priority Development Zone.

At this point in time, it is my intention to limit the PDP's involvement to the above matters. Any decision on whether to extend the PDP's involvement in the amendment process will be dependent on the progress made between the parties.

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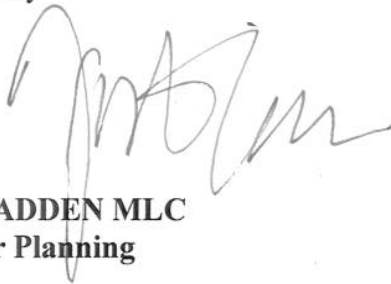


It is requested that the PDP provide a report within 8 weeks of the date of this letter.

Copies of the draft planning scheme amendment and other relevant background information are enclosed.

In responding to this request, I expect the PDP to consult with Glen Eira Council, the Melbourne Racing Club and other key stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Madden', is written over the typed name below.

JUSTIN MADDEN MLC
Minister for Planning

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