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Dear Georgina,

MELTON PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C198

Thank you for your email dated 5 March 2020 notifying Department of Transport of the exhibition of Melton Planning Scheme Amendment C198.

We apologise for the delay in providing our submission to Council.

The Head, Transport for Victoria, Department of Transport understands that the amendment is to implement the findings of the City of Melton Heritage Assessments Project 2018 by adding nine places to interest to the Heritage Overlay Schedule and associated mapping. Department of Transport's comments relate only to HO131 – Behlen Shed, Brooklyn Road Melton South, we have no comment as it relates to the other eight sites proposed.

The Behlen Shed is located within the rail reserve within the land known as 2-98 Staughton Road, Melton South. The land is in close proximity to the Melton Station and has a strategic importance to the future transport requirements of this corridor.

Department of Transport supports the landowner Vic Track's concerns, in that, where possible railway land should remain clear of planning constraints. The Public Use Zone 4 (PUZ4) provides an "as of right" for use and development associated with transport uses. This is to facilitate transport use and development on transport land. Additional overlays placed on PUZ4 land undermines this and adds significant cost and delay to the delivery of transport infrastructure.

While we understand the proposed Heritage Overlay is on the Behlen Shed only, the proposed restrictions will render the entire 2,464 square meters lot of land un-useable for transport uses.

As such, Department of Transport does not support the inclusion of Behlen Shed on the Melton Heritage Overlay. We request that the land remain clear of any overlay to ensure that the purpose of the zone is able to provide best strategic transport outcomes within this corridor.

Should you have any queries regarding the above, please

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