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Dear Peter

## ACHIEVING ZERO CARBON IN THE PLANNING SCHEME

I am writing to you as a member of the Council Alliance for Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE) on the progress of Moreland City Council's investigation into an Environmental Sustainable Development (ESD) Local Planning Policy version 2.0. In the understanding that this work benefits all CASBE member Councils, Moreland City Council is committed to keeping all CASBE Councils informed of the progress of the project and welcomes new and ongoing collaborations.

While good outcomes are being achieved through application of the current ESD policy (version 1.0), the ever-increasing impacts of climate change, the urban heat island effect, waste crisis and growing energy poverty challenge has necessitated a need to re-establish a baseline for new development to help mitigate these environmental threats. Moreland City Council considers elevating ESD targets through an ESD policy version 2.0 within the planning scheme is necessary to 'raise the bar' for all developments subject to planning approval in Moreland. It is also key to progressing our Council to a zero-carbon community.

On this basis, Council at the 12 June 2019 resolved to undertake research required for an ESD planning policy version 2.0, including working in partnership with CASBE and interested member councils. Council to date has received feedback from a number of the CASBE Councils welcoming Moreland's intent and leadership, with some interest to collaborate further.

Moreland City Council has been active in progressing Stage 1 of the project, with the outcomes to be reported to Council in June 2020. Key elements of Stage 1 include:

- Meetings with Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) to advise them of Moreland City Council's plan to pursue an ESD Local Planning policy 2.0.
- Establishing a working group with CASBE Officers and interested CASBE Councils to support a collaborative approach in developing the scope of the project and knowledge sharing.
- Engaging specialist consultants to investigate standards related to Renewable Energy and Low Emission Vehicles. The estimated costs of this work is \$70,000.

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Italiano	9280 1911	普通话	9280 0750
Ελληνικά	9280 1912	ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	9280 0751
عربي	9280 1913		
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- Working collaboratively with DEWLP in their implementation of Plan Melbourne Action 80, *Review of planning and building systems to support environmentally sustainable development outcomes*, to align State and Local ESD agendas.

Stage 2 of the project will see the exploration of ESD standards relating to Waste, Circular Economy and Green Infrastructure for Roofs. It is anticipated that this work will commence within the next 3 months.

We welcome any further information on any relevant policy/initiatives or advocacy work being undertaken by your Council that supports Moreland Council's project to amend the planning scheme to transition to zero carbon. If you would like to contribute financially or through other resources we would be happy to work with you to formalise this arrangement, which could include a Memorandum of Understanding.

For further information please contact William Tolis, Environmental Sustainable Development Strategic Planner, [WTolis@moreland.vic.gov.au](mailto:WTolis@moreland.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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