



Merri-bek
City Council

Council Resolution Action Memo

Meeting Date: 10/09/2025

Report Heading / Item No. 7.7 **C233MBEK - FIX UP AMENDMENT - GATEWAY 1 - AUTHORISATION AND EXHIBITION (D25/179290)**

Confidential Status: Public

Department: Director Place and Environment

Further Report Required: No

Notes

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Executive Summary

The Merri-bek Planning Scheme (Scheme) sets out the policies and provisions that guide how land is used and developed across the municipality. To maintain its effectiveness in providing direction and supporting decision-making, Council periodically undertakes “fix-up” amendments to correct errors, update references, resolve mapping anomalies, implement recommendations and improve accuracy.

As part of its four-yearly review under the *Planning and Environment Act 1984*, Council adopted the *Planning Scheme Review 2022*, which recommended improvements to the Merri-bek Planning Scheme. The *Heritage Action Plan Implementation Plan 2022–2025* also identifies actions to address specific heritage issues. This has identified a need for a range of minor or administrative changes, including:

- **Zoning/Overlays anomalies and updates:** Remove outdated overlays from 384 properties; rezone some parkland to the Public Park and Recreation Zone.
- **Heritage updates:** Update planning permit exemptions, revise statements of significance, improve Heritage Overlay schedules, correct mapping, remove incorrect overlays, and update design/demolition guidance.
- **General corrections:** Fix grammatical and spelling errors, formatting issues, and mapping errors; update strategy, policy, and reference documents.

Amendment C233mbek is needed to resolve these anomalies and improve the clarity, accuracy, and effectiveness of the planning scheme, while supporting Council’s preparation for the next Planning Scheme Review in 2026.

Council officers recommend that Council resolves to request the Minister for Planning authorise Amendment C233mbek. Public exhibition of the amendment would follow the Minister’s authorisation.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. As the planning authority, apply to the Minister for Planning (Minister) under section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (Vic) (Act), for authorisation to prepare Amendment C233mbek to the Merri-bek Planning Scheme (Amendment).
2. Prepares the Amendment if authority is received under section 8A of the Act, or if 10 business days have passed since the Minister received the application without notifying Council of a decision:

- a) As the planning authority, prepares the Amendment in accordance with section 8A(2) or section 8A(7) of the Act as relevant.
- b) Authorises the Director Place and Environment to make minor changes to the draft Amendment documentation at Attachments 1-6 as required prior to exhibition of the Amendment, to correct any administrative errors, and to meet any conditions the Minister imposes through authorisation.
- c) Endorses, for the purpose of exhibition, the draft Amendment documentation at Attachments 1-6, subject to any changes required under (2)(b) above.
- d) Exhibits the Amendment in accordance with sections 17, 18 and 19 of the Act.

Resolution

Cr Svensson moved, Cr Irvin seconded -

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Carried