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Make a submission: Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Submission to Amendment C236mbek – Merri-bek Planning Scheme

We write on behalf of De Group in relation to proposed Amendment C236mbek to the Merri-bek Planning Scheme.

De Group is the owner of land at 20 Leinster Grove, Brunswick East, which is currently subject to a planning permit application for a residential development comprising approximately 130 dwellings.

We understand Amendment C236mbek proposes to introduce a new municipal-wide Development Contributions Plan Overlay, applying to residential, commercial and industrial development across the Merri-bek municipality.

While we acknowledge Council's broader objective of funding infrastructure to support growth, we object to the proposed application of further development contributions to the subject land and request that Council carefully consider the impact of the proposed levy on existing and current development applications, particularly where applications have already been lodged and are progressing through the planning process.

In our view, the imposition of a further contribution at this stage creates additional cost uncertainty for projects that have already been designed, assessed and financially modelled on the basis of the planning controls and contribution framework in place at the time of lodgement.

We also note that the previous Development Contributions Plan has expired, with collection of levies under that plan ceasing on 30 June 2023. The introduction of a new contribution regime should not unfairly prejudice landowners and applicants with existing applications already before Council.

Further, we understand the State Government is also proposing to introduce an Infrastructure Contributions Plan for activity centres, including areas within Merri-bek. Any local DCP should be carefully coordinated with the proposed State Government ICP to ensure development is not subject to duplicated or excessive infrastructure contributions.

For these reasons, De Group objects to Amendment C236mbek in its current form and requests that Council:

Exclude existing planning permit applications lodged prior to the approval or gazettal of Amendment C236mbek from any new DCP liability;
Confirm that any new DCP will not apply retrospectively to applications already lodged or under assessment;

Ensure that any DCP liability is appropriately coordinated with the proposed State Government ICP so that contributions are not duplicated or excessive; and
Keep De Group informed of the progress of Amendment C236mbek, including any future panel hearing or further opportunity to be heard.

Please treat this as a formal submission to Amendment C236mbek.

Yours sincerely,



For and on behalf of De Group

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