

Public Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

Questions from Isaac Hermann:

Q1: 1. In relation to the planning scheme amendment of Bayside Drainage Development Contributions Plan, Amendment C139, will the City of Port Phillip consider adopting a similar proposal?

Response

Regarding your reference to Bayside Amendment C139 which implemented a municipal wide Development Contribution Plan to that municipality relating to drainage infrastructure, we note that this was based off:

- investigations into the current capacity of their drainage system;
- projected growth as per their adopted Housing Strategy; and
- Drainage infrastructure upgraded as a result of the above.

The City of Port Phillip has a commitment to develop a Stormwater Asset Management Plan and review the Port Phillip Housing Strategy over the next 4 years as part of the We are Port Phillip Council Plan 2017-2027. As part of the implementation planning for these projects, opportunities to leverage funding from a variety of sources will be considered.

Since 2012, the State Government has been reforming Victoria's Development Contributions System. As part of this, an independent Advisory Committee appointed by the Minister for Planning recommended that the current DCP system be overhauled. As part of the proposed changes, set levies are proposed for strategic redevelopment areas (such as urban renewal areas or activity centres) and green-field development areas (metropolitan and regional). Of note, a recommendation for an urban infill levy (which the Bayside C139 would fall under the category of if pursued under the new system) was not supported when the recommendations of the Committee were considered by the then State Government. We are unsure whether this option will be revisited, or whether new infill DCPs will be supported by the State Government going forward.

Kind regards

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