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Dear Ms Voss

I am writing in connection with Albert Park College, which has experienced significant enrolment growth in recent years. This growth is expected to continue for a number of years and the Department of Education and Training (DET) is keen to ensure that we meet and manage this demand effectively.

I note that short term measures such as leasing additional premises have already been initiated so as to relieve immediate pressures, however, further consideration needs to be given to how we best meet College enrolments in the longer term.

DET is currently reconfiguring existing facilities on the grounds of the College to add two permanent additional classrooms within the school footprint. In addition to this, further land is required to cater for the expected growth.

In October 2016, the Minister for Education announced that a new site will be secured for Albert Park College. This is expected to be sufficient to cater for the College's enrolment pressures until such time that further provision in the area is developed.

The City of Port Phillip (CoPP) are currently the crown land administrator of a property at 62-74 Pickles Street, South Melbourne (Crown Allotment 1 Section 79B City of South Melbourne, Parish of Melbourne South). This site is currently leased to Melbourne City Mission (MCM) with an expiry date of 31 May 2020.

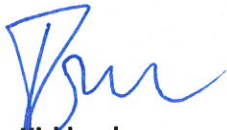
As you are well aware, DET, MCM and CoPP have been discussing the potential for MCM to relocate to alternative premises at the Prahran campus of Melbourne Polytechnic, allowing DET to take over as land manager of this site so that it can be used by the College. Attached is a copy of DET's letter to MCM setting out the details of this proposed arrangement. You will note that DET has agreed to fund the fit-out of MCM's new premises in Prahran as well as rental for a five-year period so as to compensate MCM for the surrender of its existing lease at the Pickles Street site.

Subject to MCM's written confirmation that it accepts the proposal as set out in the attached letter, DET seeks Council's approval of the proposed arrangement.

I note that under the terms of the proposed arrangement, once MCM has signed a Deed of Surrender, CoPP is to relinquish its management of the Pickles Street site so that DET can be appointed crown land administrator to use the property for educational purposes.

If you would like further information you may contact Ms Nicole Pope, Manager, Property Management Unit, Victorian School Building Authority, Infrastructure and Finance Services Group, Department of Education and Training, on 9637 3130, or by email: [pope.nicole.n@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:pope.nicole.n@edumail.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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