

24 February 2019

Dear Councillors,

The Warrandyte Community Association understands that at next Tuesday's Council Meeting, Council is to consider the report of the Independent Panel on submissions relating to the proposed Amendment C117 to the Manningham Planning Scheme, and will make a decision on whether or not to adopt the Amendment in the manner recommended by the Panel.

The WCA urges Councillors to reject the Officer's recommendation and accept the Panel report unamended.

The Officer's recommendation is in need of considerable re-draft. In its current form it will satisfy neither local communities or landowners. The community and landowners were given opportunity to present their viewpoints to the appointed Panel; it would be unusual for Council to reject the Panel findings.

Detailed reasoning behind this request is given at <http://www.greenwedge.warrandyte.org.au/2019/02/22/manningham-persists-with-c117/>

There is a need for clear and transparent process in these sort of deliberations. Our original understanding of the Amendment was that it was to *'Provide greater certainty and clarity within the Planning Scheme by*

providing a clear decision making framework for non-residential uses and development within the Green Wedge’.

Acceptance of the Council Officer’s recommendation will do the opposite, leading to community concern, challenges at VCAT and representations to the Minister, which we can all do without.

Best wishes

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